

TO LOVE RU

Vol. 8



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レのヤツ
相変わらず
情けないんだから

リトくん？

部長の
通寺さんまで
ういうつもり！

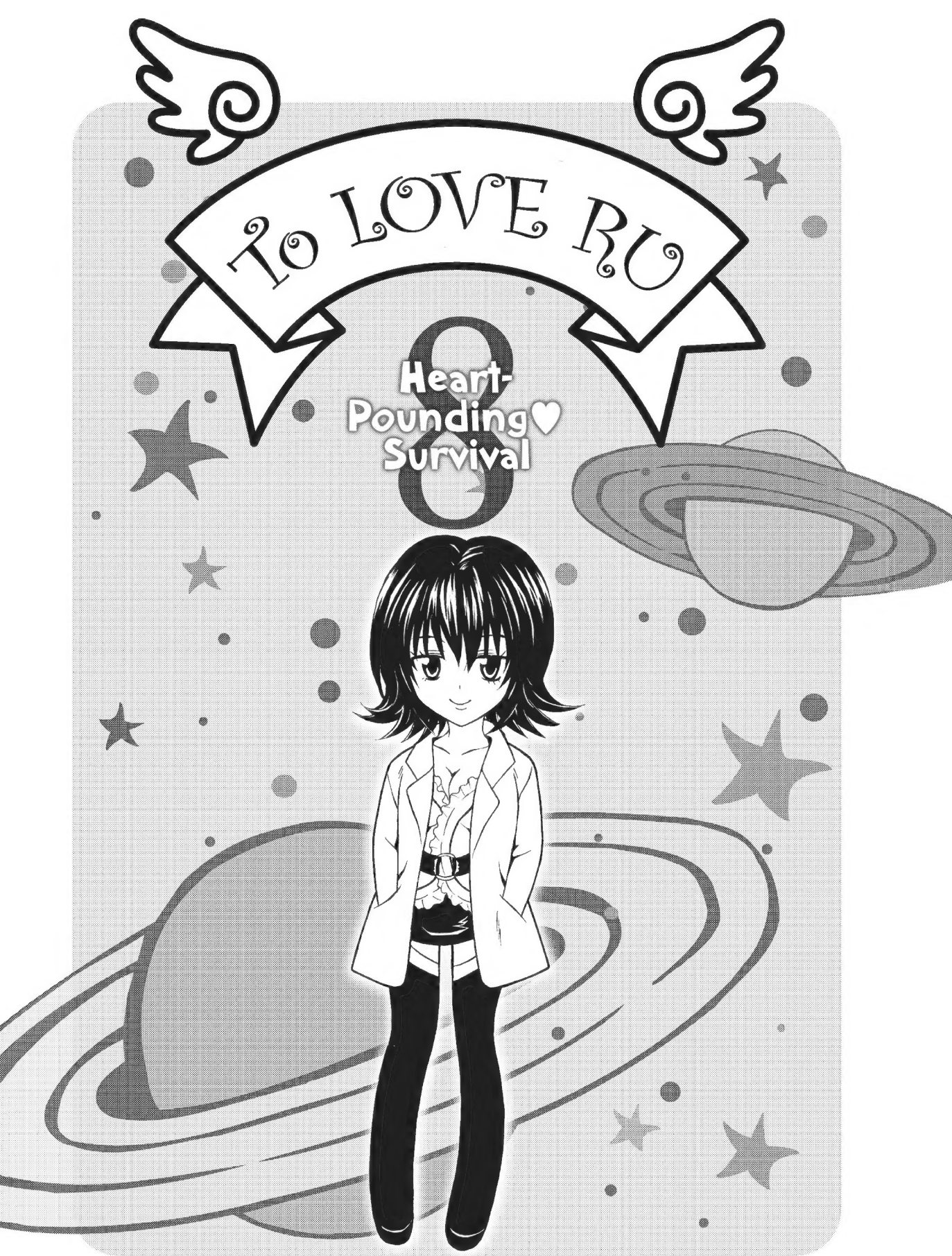
リトさん

ボーン！
泳一襲撃っ

きや！！

なごなご
きやうきやう
じゃないっ

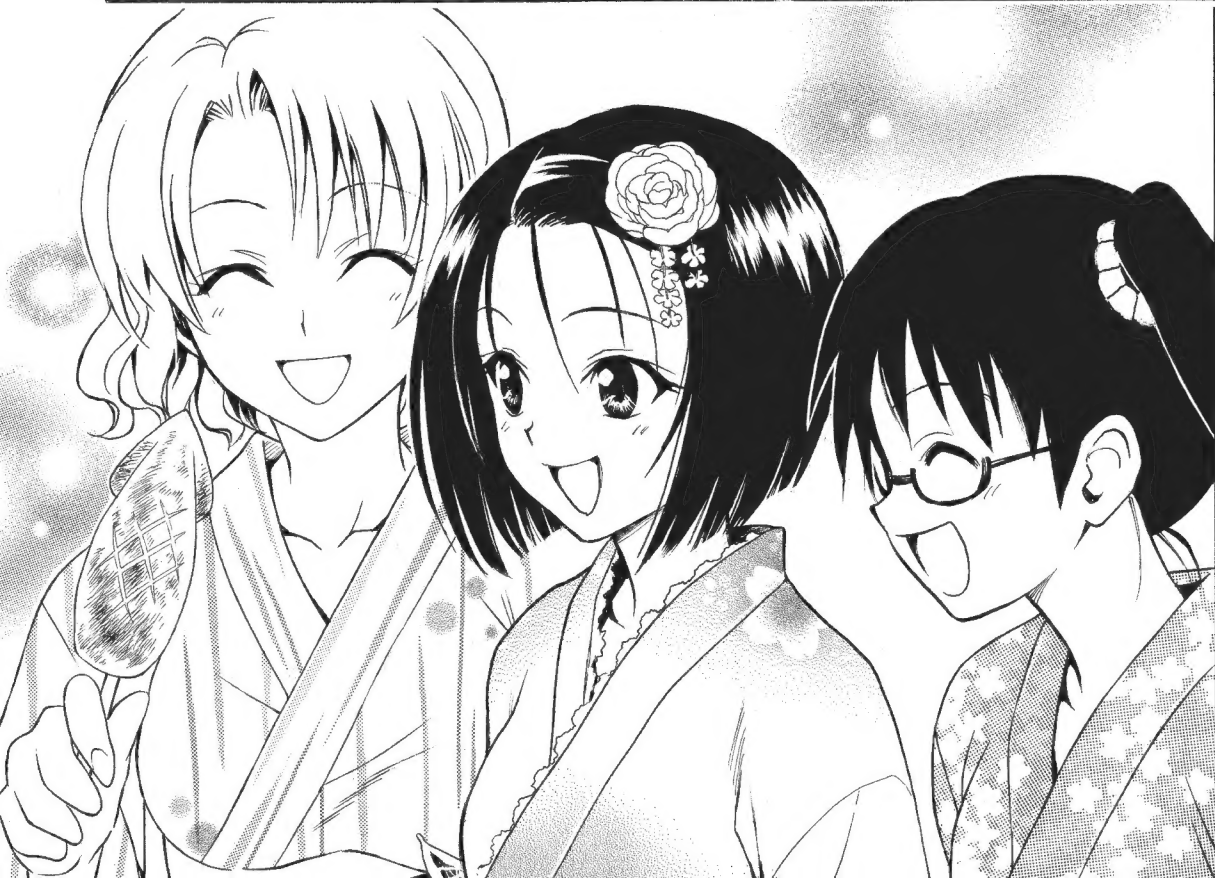
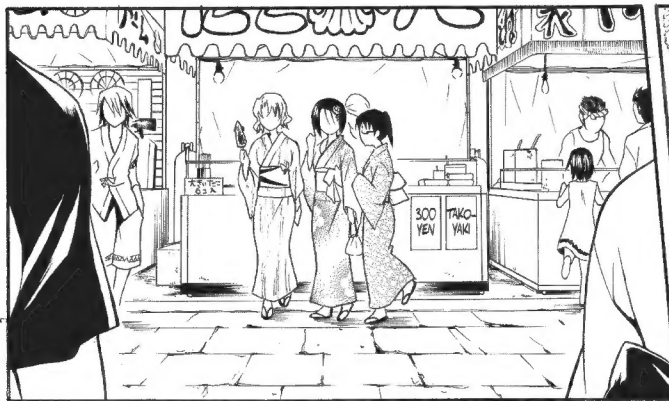
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TROUBLE 62:
FRESH LOVE AT
THE SUMMER FESTIVAL





I'M
TOTALLY
BEAT.

WAS JUST
THINKING
THAT WE'VE
BEEN
SWIMMING
THROUGH
THIS SEA OF
PEOPLE FOR
A WHILE...



WE'RE
GONNA
GO PLAY
AROUND
SOME
MORE!

WELL,
YOU JUST
PARK
YOUR
KEISTER
RIGHT
THERE,
RITO!



STUFF
IT!

SOME-
BODY'S
GETTIN'
OLD!

WHAT
A LAZY
BOY
YOU
ARE.



THEY
SURE ARE
ENER-
GETIC,
AREN'T
THEY...?

LET'S
GO GET A
BUNCH OF
FESTIVAL
PRIZES,
LALA-SAN!

C'MON,
YOU
TWO!
LET'S
GO!



IS
THAT
YOU,
YUUKI-
KUN?



I NEVER
WOULD'VE
THOUGHT
I'D...SEE
YOU IN A
PLACE
LIKE THIS.



OH...

KOTE-
GAWA
?!



WI...

WITH
YOU
...?

HEY,
I'VE GOT
AN IDEA!
IF YOU'RE
HERE ALONE,
HOW ABOUT
WE CHECK
THE FESTIVAL
OUT
TOGETHER?

I JUST
FIGURED
IT MIGHT
BE MORE
FUN IN A
BIGGER
GROUP,
THAT'S
ALL...!

N-NO,
I MEAN,
I'M HERE
WITH
LALA AND
MY LITTLE
SISTER,
TOO!!

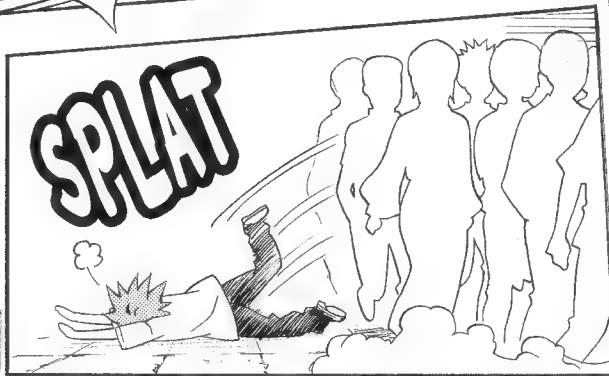
GAAH
?!

Let's good!

WOMP!

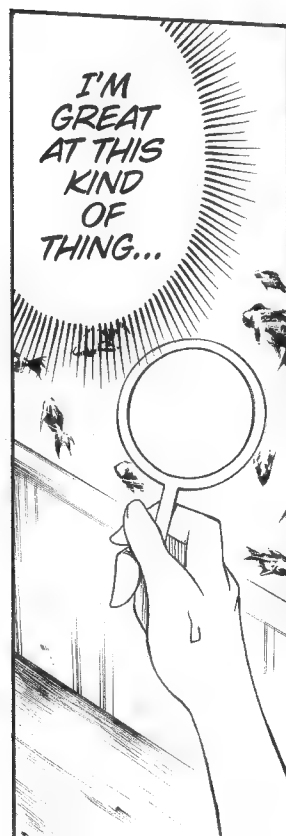
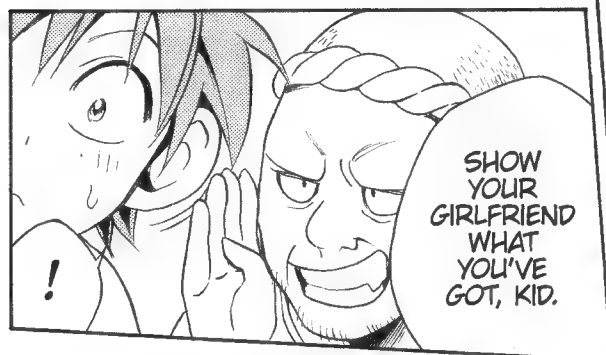
The
bearing
of the
mikoshi will
begin soon.
Those
participating,
please...













**HR-
RAA-
AAA-
GH!!**

**I'LL
SHOW
YOU HOW
COOL I
CAN BE,
HARUNA-
CHAN!!**

Womp
Woomp

I WAS
SO
NERVOUS,
I DIDN'T
EVEN
CATCH A
SINGLE
FISH...



AND
HEY,
I'M
SORRY,
YUUKI-
KUN...

HM?

AFTER
ALL,
HE GAVE
US A
FREEBIE!

HEY...
CHEER
UP,
YUUKI-
KUN!





OH...
I GUESS
WE ENDED
UP AT THE
END OF THE
FESTIVAL
WITHOUT
REALIZING
IT!

LOOKS
LIKE.



WHAT
IS
IT?



OH
MAN...
IT'S
LIKE SHE
REALLY
IS MY
GIRL-
FRIEND.
♡

THE ONLY
THING
THAT COULD
MAKE THIS
BETTER
WOULD BE
IF WE HELD
HANDS...



I... I
WONDER
IF WE'RE
REALLY
GONNA
LOOK LIKE
AN ACTUAL
COUPLE
AFTER
ALL...

"COUPLE!!"

ba-thump
ba-thump

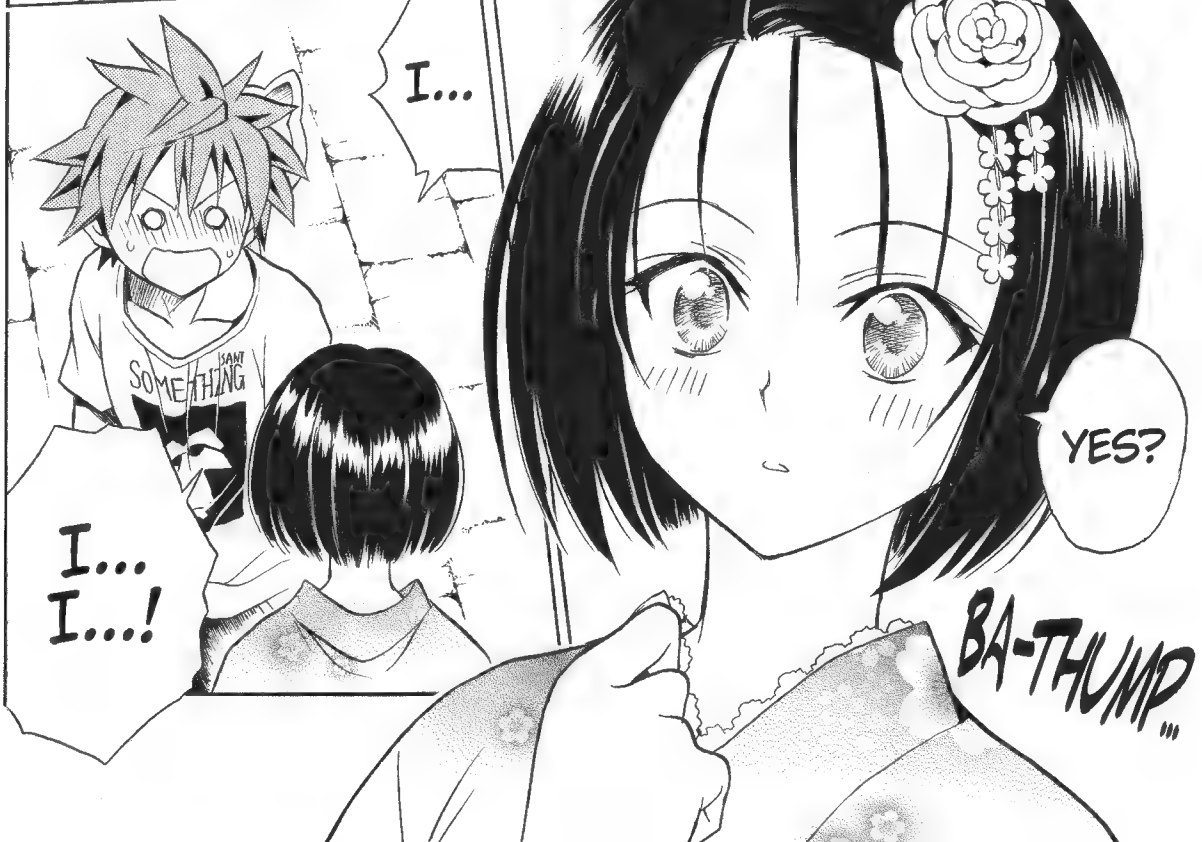


URK!

THIS
IS
WHERE
COUPLES
HANG
OUT!!



THIS IS MY CHANCE!







I... I
DIDN'T
REALLY...

SO, WE
ENDED UP
HANGING
OUT WITH
KOTEGAWA-
SAN!

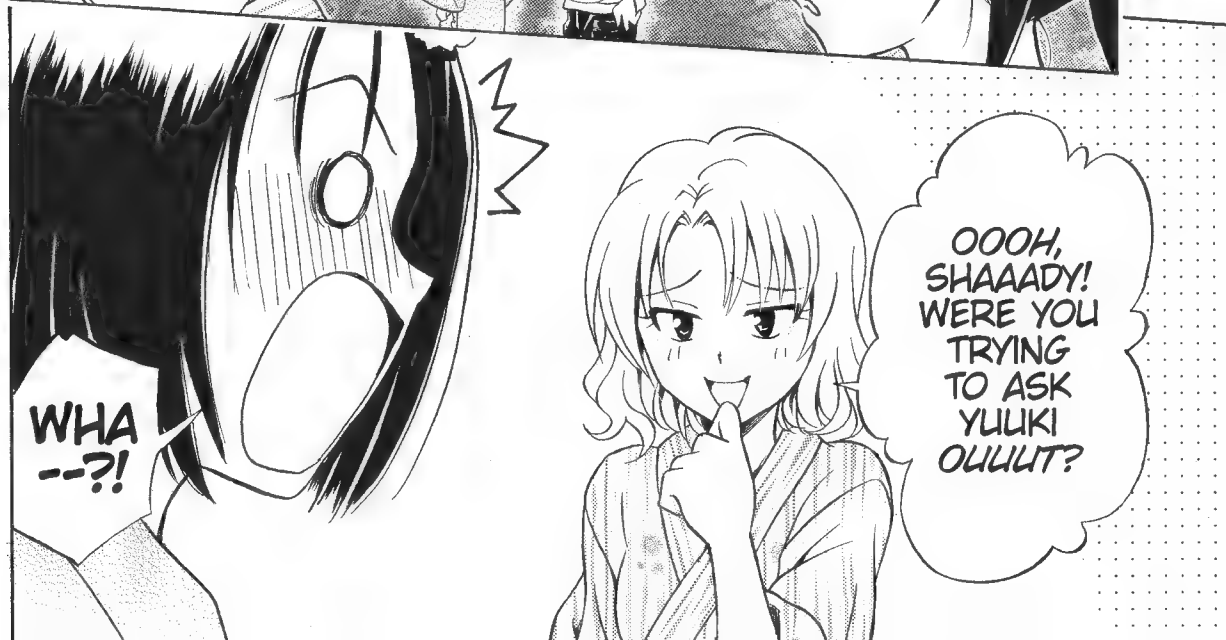
HEY!
THERE
SHE IS!
HARUNAAA!
WE'VE BEEN
LOOKING
FOR YOU!!

Crack
Crackle



WHY'RE
YOU
TWO
TOGETHER?

HUH?
ISN'T
THAT
YUUKI?



WHA
--?!

OOOH,
SHAAADY!
WERE YOU
TRYING
TO ASK
YUUKI
OUTT?

WOMP
WOOMP

Y...YOU
DIDN'T
HAVE
TO DENY
IT THAT
STRONG-
LY...

WH-
WHAT'RE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?!
NO WAY,
NO HOW!
ABSOLUTELY
ONE
HUNDRED
PERCENT
NOT!!

LOOKIE~!
I GOT
SOOO
MANY
PRIZES!!

CLOP
CLOP
CLOP...

RITO-
OO!

WHOA
!!

NEVER
MIND THAT,
EVERYBODY!
LOOK
AT THE
FIREWORKS!

WHAT'RE
YOU EVEN
GONNA
DO WITH
THAT
MANY?!

EHE HE!
IT'S
PRETTY
AWE-
SOME!

PO-POOM!
THOOOM!

Character File

Ryoko Mikado

☆An Adult Woman

Lala and Haruna and the girls are all young high school students. In order to introduce an adult woman into their midst, we created Mikado-sensei.



☆Adult Appeal

I'd been wanting to inject a little more *adult* appeal into *TLR*, but hadn't really had the opportunity to do so in the main story (sweatdrop). That said, I'm hoping to do so in the future with Mikado-sensei... You know, add all kinds of *adult* charms, the sort you don't get with Lala and the other girls.



☆Personality

Speaking of personality and behavior, I tried to the best of my ability not to make Mikado a comedic character (though of course, depending on the situation, some jokes naturally occur). However, if I made her *too* serious, it wouldn't really be a great fit for this manga, so it's also a difficult--and delicate--balancing act.



☆Past

In truth, Doctor Mikado has her issues. In the past, she had relationships with a number of intergalactic organizations, as well as some kind of connection to Golden Darkness' own past. Showing these things would pull her away from Rito and friends, though, and end up becoming more of a side story type of thing. However, I do hope we can dig into that a little over time. It actually seems like Yabuki-san has developed her past to some extent in his head, but whether or not that'll be depicted in the main story is another thing entirely.

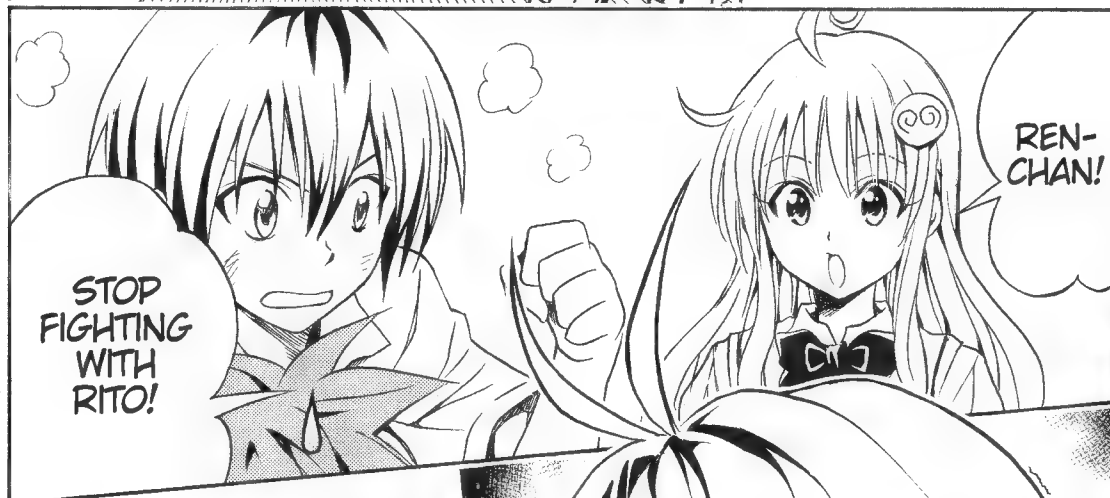


☆Physician

Mikado-sensei is the school nurse at Sainan High, but her skill in medicine has made her a famed physician throughout the entire galaxy, as well. As a galactic medical specialist, she is skilled in compounding medicinal plants found throughout the galaxy, as well as developing new medicines. She also possesses a wealth of knowledge on body modification and enhancement. Consequently, she is often singled out by evildoers who would possess her genius for themselves.

Hasemi







TROUBLE 63:
THE LIMITS OF REVENGE...



DARN
IT...
THAT
YUUKI...

LALA-
CHAN
ONLY
HAS EYES
FOR
YUUKI.



HWOOOOO...

SIGH...



WHAT
AM
I TO
DO?

?!

Boop

WH
/ / / / /
BWOOSH



AHH-
CHO-
OOO
!!



AHH...

N...
NOT
GOOD!

AH-
HH...





WHAT
IS IT,
LALA-
CHAN?

EH HEH
HEH!
I MADE
SOMETHING
THAT'S
GONNA
KNOCK YOUR
SOCKS
OFF~!
♪



RUN-
CHAN!!



WHADDYA
THINK?
SOCKS
TOTES
KNOCKED,
AM I
RIGHT?!



LOOK,
IT'S THE
ULTRA-
POWERFUL
MEGA-
HOSE!!



I
CAUGHT
AN
INCREDI-
BLE
SPECI-
MEN!

AND
THAT
OTHER
OTHER
TIME...

froth
froth

THIS
IS WAY
TOO
HIGH!
I'M
SCARED!!

YOU CAN
SEE
EEEVERY-
THING
FROM UP
HERE~!

IT
WASN'T
JUST
THEN...
THERE
WAS THAT
OTHER
TIME,
TOO...



IT
MAKES
ME SO
MAD...

UGH...

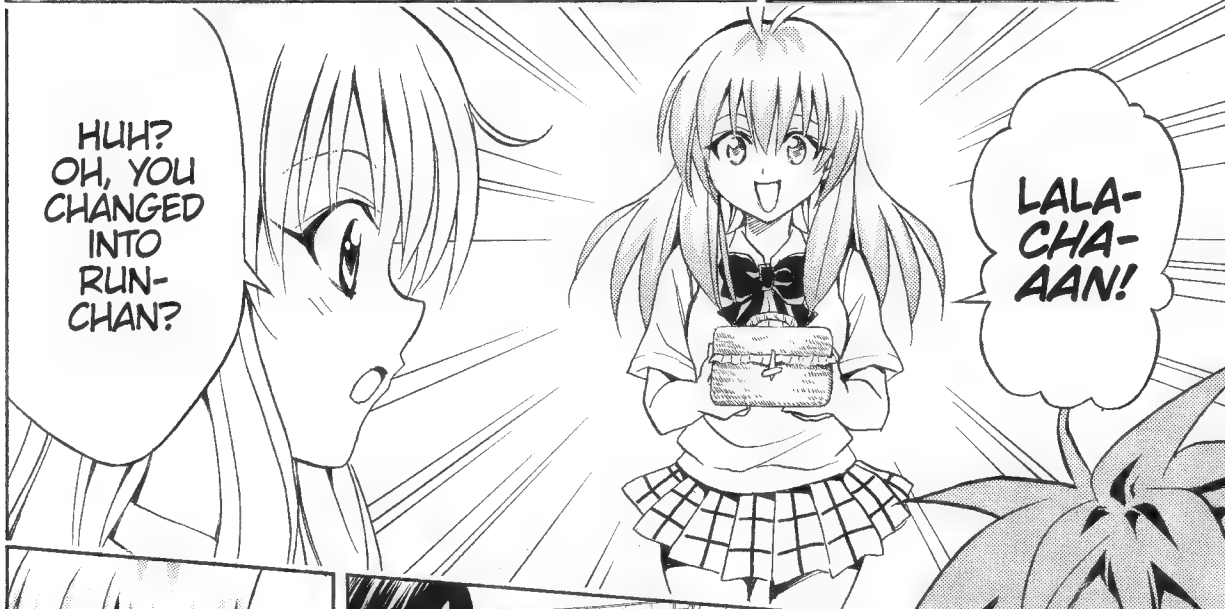
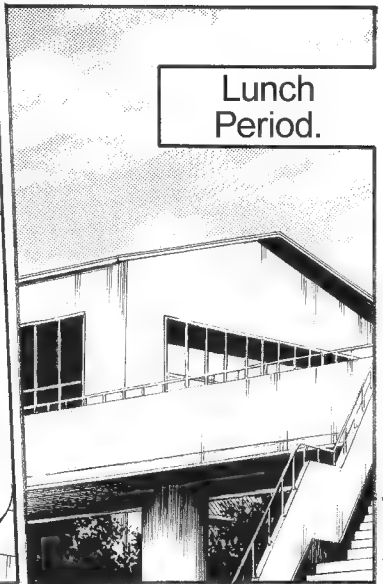
AND WHEN
I DO, HE'LL
BE TOTALLY
DISILLUSIONED
WITH HER,
AND I'LL HAVE
MY REVENGE...
TWO BIRDS,
ONE
STONE...!

HEE
HEE
HEE...

PUMP

I'LL
HUMILIATE
HER,
RIGHT
IN FRONT
OF RITO-
KUN!!

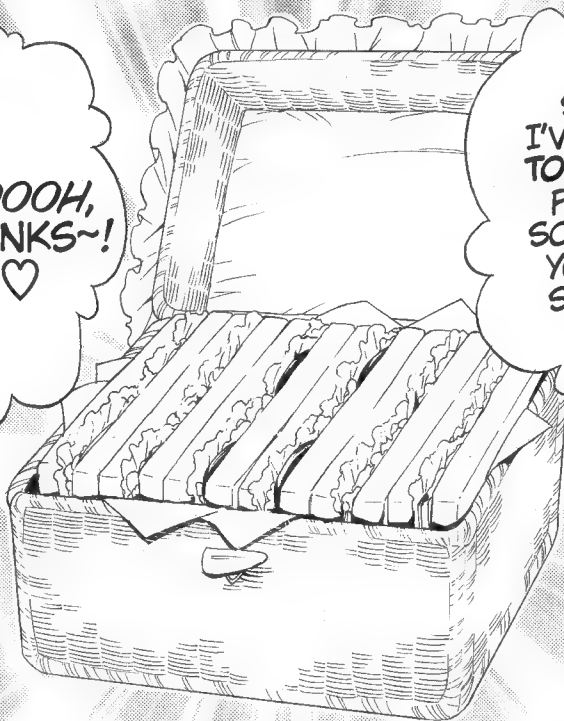
THAT'S
IT! IT'S
TIME
TO GIVE
LALA A
LITTLE
PAY-
BACK!





SAND-
WICHES!
THEY
LOOK
DELISH!

OOOOH,
THANKS~!
♡



SEE!
I'VE GOT
TONS OF
FOOD,
SO HELP
YOUR-
SELF!!

ONE BITE
OF THESE
FLAMING-
HOT SPICY
SANDWICHES,
AND YOU'LL
BE A TOTAL
DISGRACE
IN FRONT
OF RITO!!



EE
HEE
HEE
...

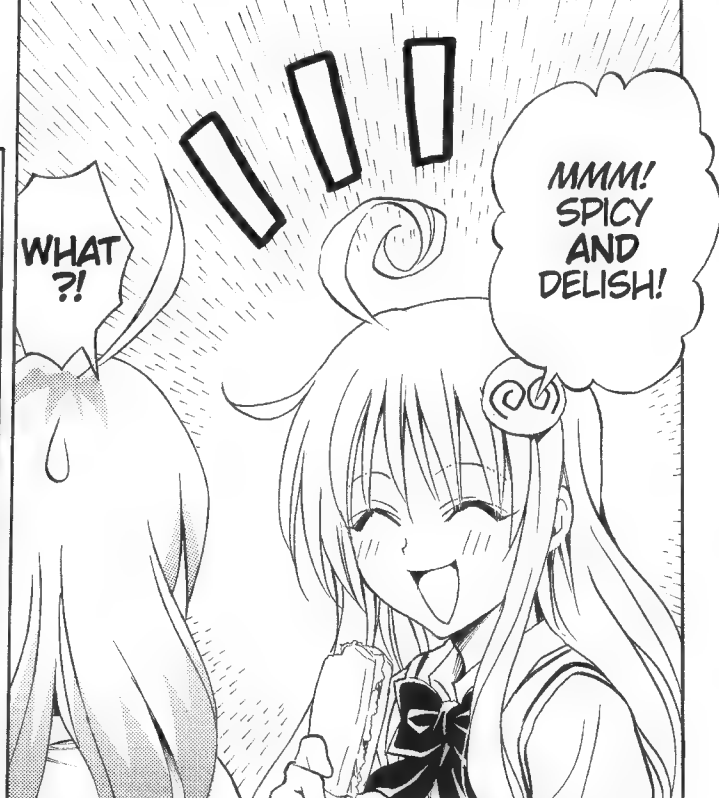
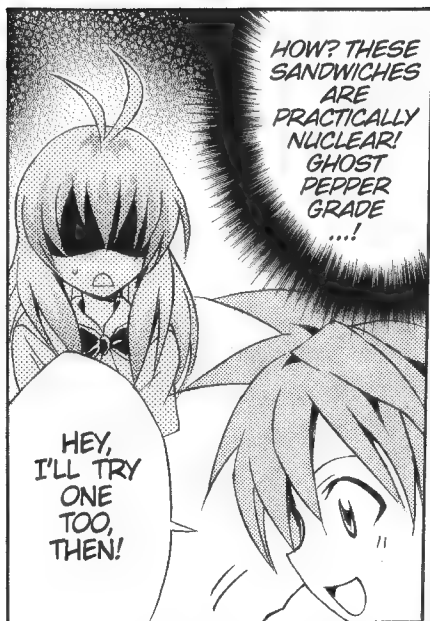
NOM
NOM

CHOMP

SUC-
CESS
!!

Ahhm...







RITO-KUN ?!

CHAAAAA!!

H...
HOO-OOOT
!!



IS IT
REALLY
THAT
SPICY?



Fshh!

I...
I'M SO
SORRY,
RITO-
KUN!
ARE YOU
OKAY?!



WHAT
KIND OF
MONSTER
PALATE
DOES SHE
HAVE?!

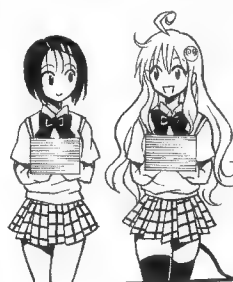
WHAT
THE...?
IT
DIDN'T
HIT HER
AT
ALL?



HARUNA,
CAN
I GIVE
YOU A
HAND
CARRYING
THAT?

OH,
YEAH!
THANKS,
LALA-
SAN!

I
FAILED
EARLIER,
BUT
THIS
TIME...

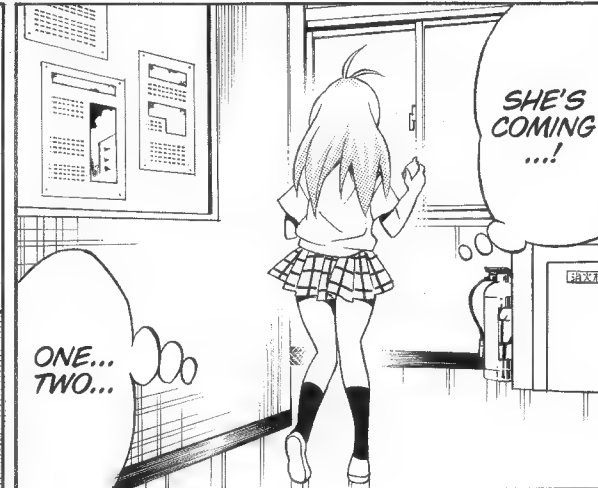
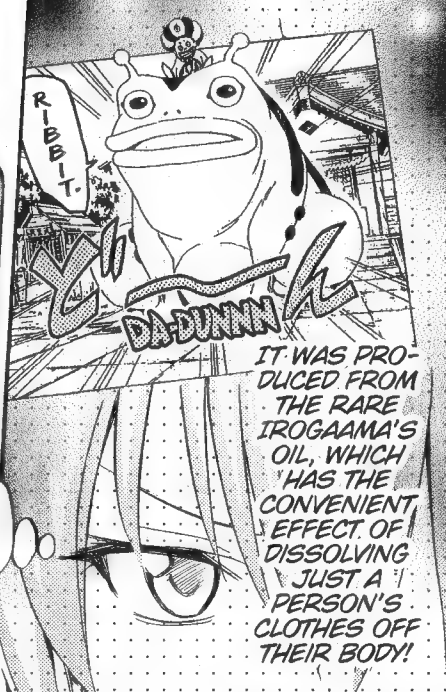
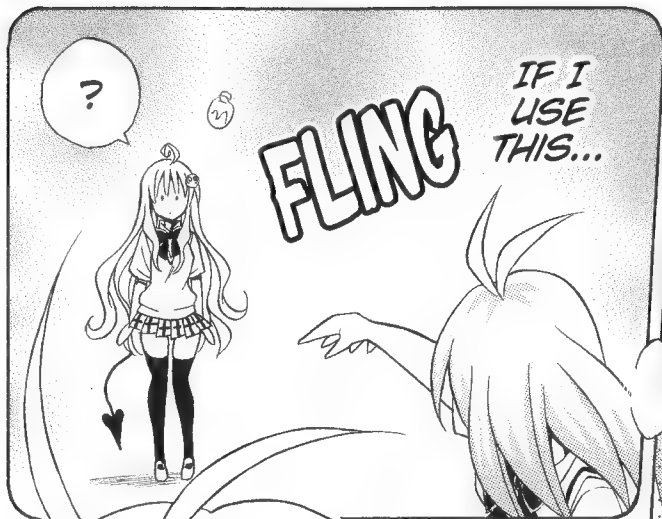


BEING
THE
CLASS
REP IS
A LOT OF
WORK,
HUH?

I THOUGHT
A SITUATION
LIKE THIS
MIGHT COME UP,
SO I PICKED
IT UP FROM
MILKY WAY
MAIL ORDER'S
BACK
CHANNEL!!



CLOTH-
ING
ANNIHI-
LATOR
GAS!!





PA-SHUUU

N-NO, THIS IS A--

RITO-KUN ?!

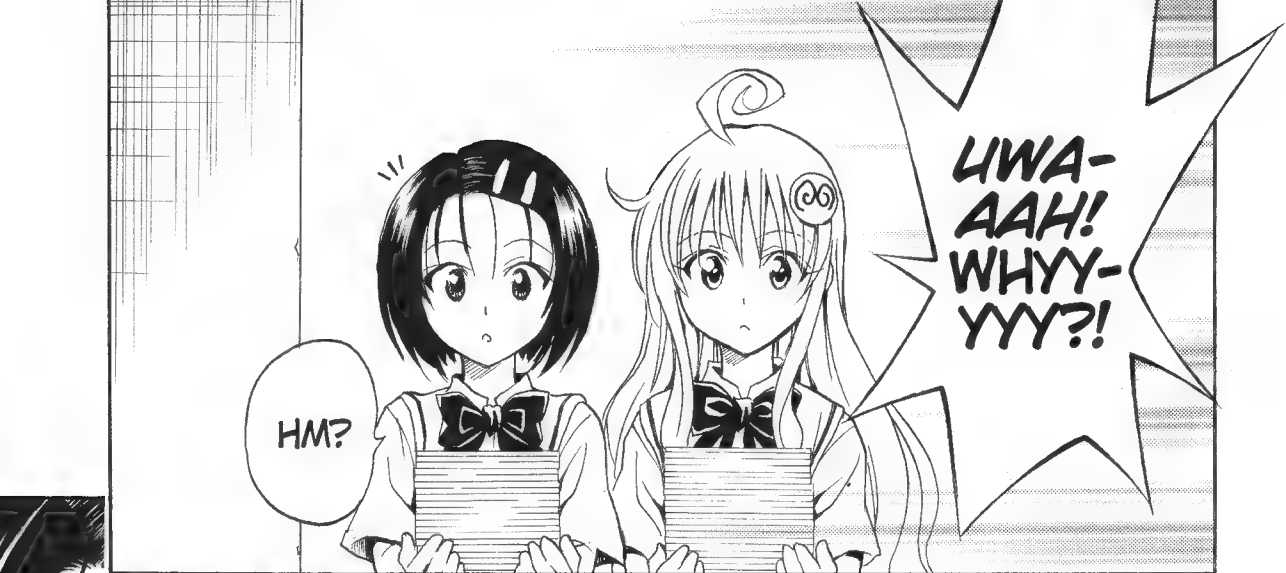
AGH!

HUH?

UH...

MIN-D...

FWD FWD





LET'S!!

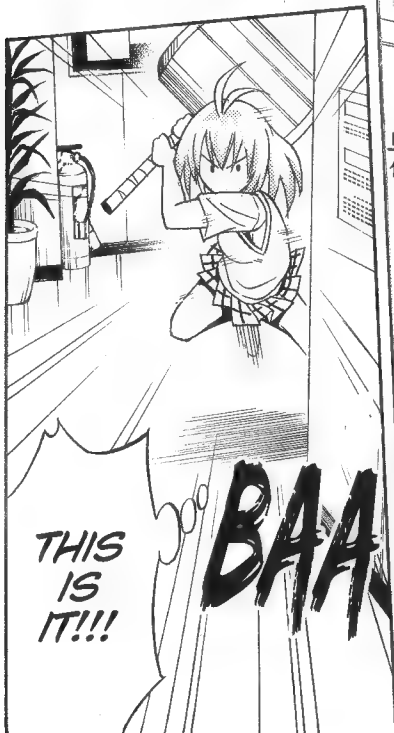
PEKE!
LET'S GO
HOME
AND PLAY
SOME
GAMES!



After
School.



LALA...
THANKS
TO YOU,
I WAS PUT
TO UTTER
SHAME
RIGHT IN
FRONT OF
RITO-KUN!



THIS
IS
IT!!!

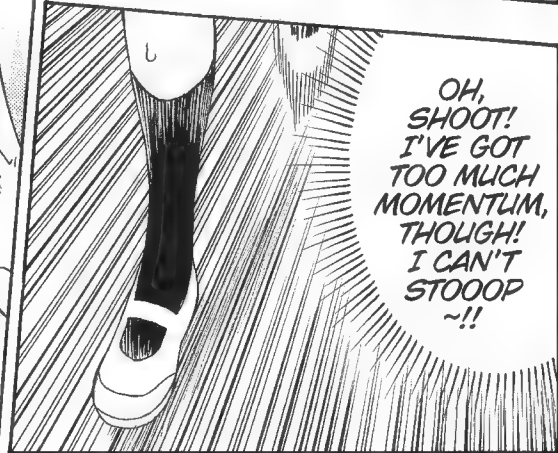
BAA



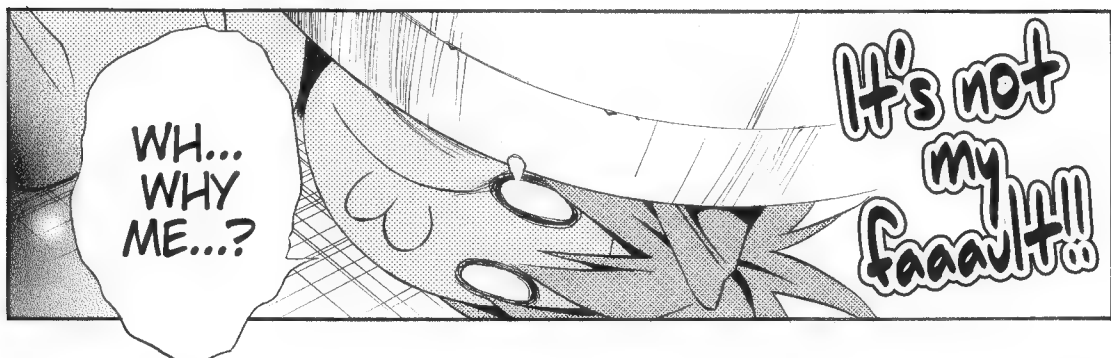
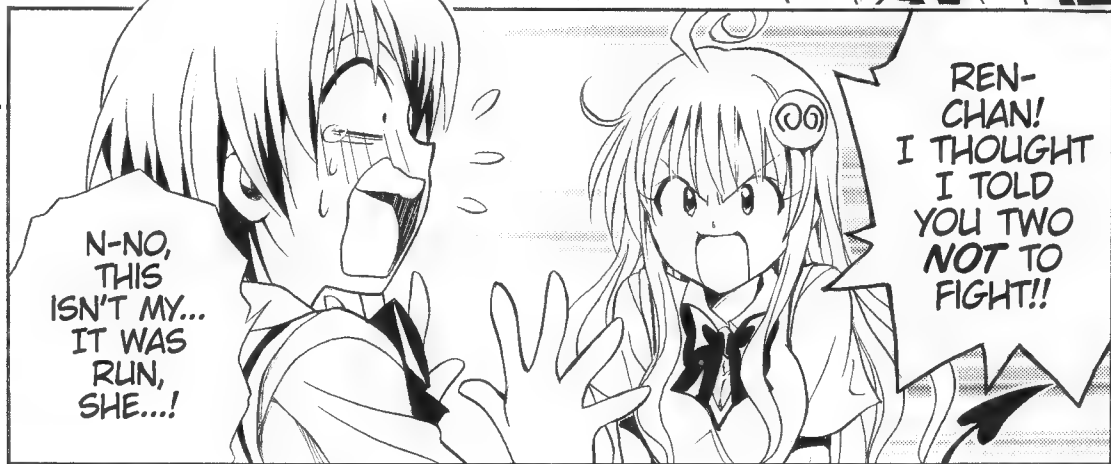
OKAY...

I DON'T
HAVE THE
RIDICULOUS
STRENGTH
OF A
DEVILLUKIAN,
BUT...

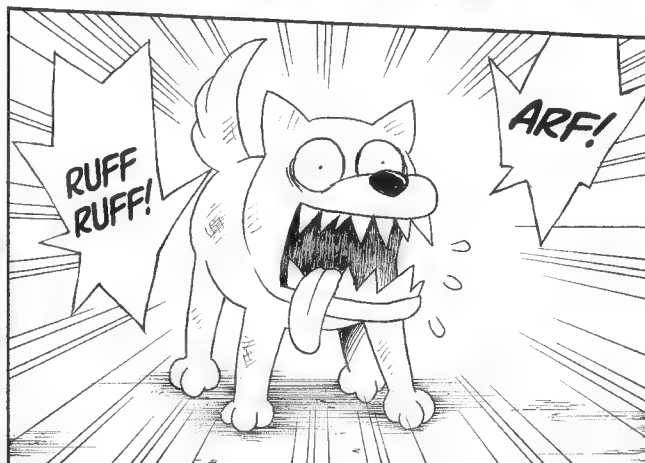
IF THIS IS
HOW IT'S
GONNA BE,
I'LL JUST
TAKE HER
DOWN WITH
ONE GOOD
WHACK!







TO LOVERU



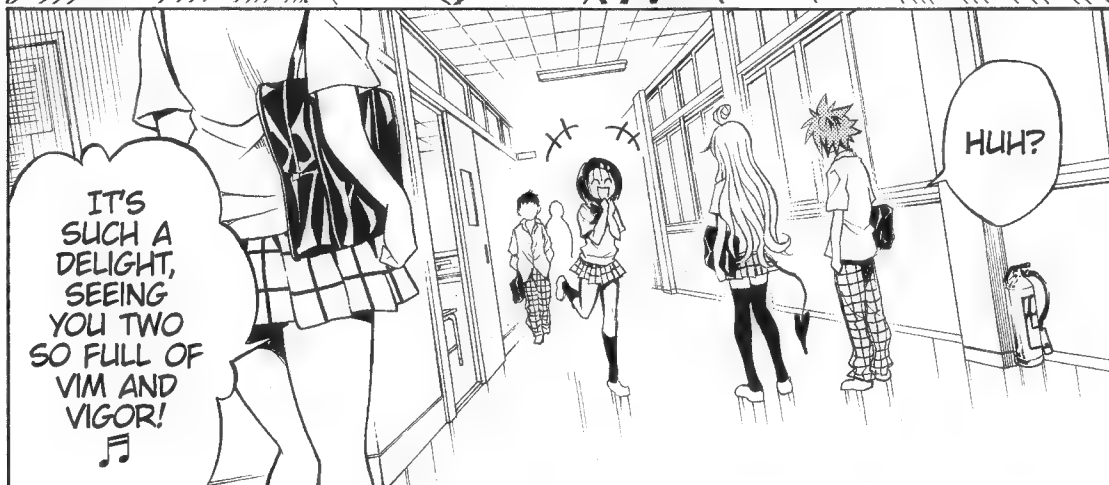
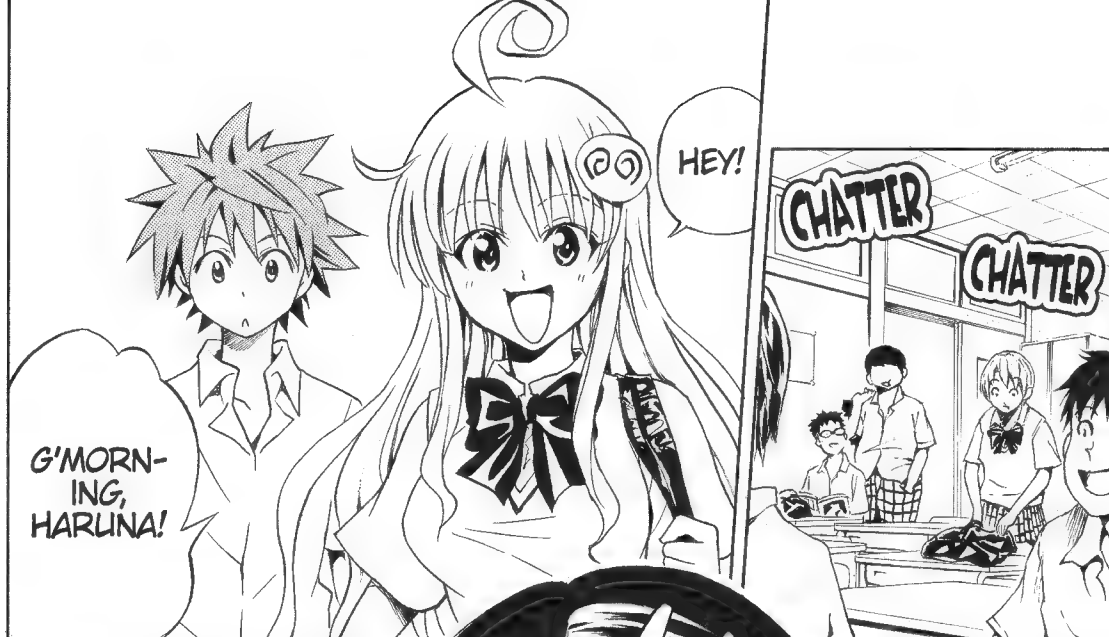


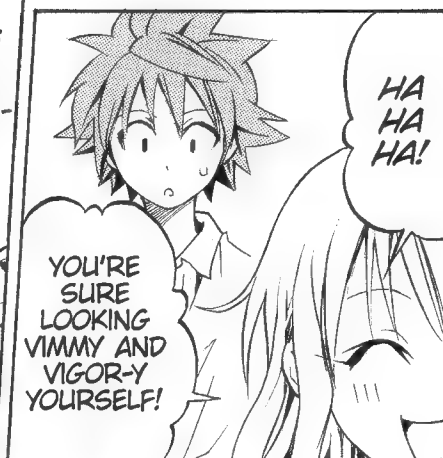


WHY IS
SHE
JUST
STAND-
ING
AROUND
OVER
THERE?



TROUBLE 64:
SOMETHING'S UP WITH HARUNA-CHAN







HUH
?!

SNF

IF THAT'S
HOW IT'S
GONNA BE,
I'LL GIVE
YOU A
LITTLE
TASTE, TOO!

TH-
THAT
REAA-
ALLY
TICKLES!

AAAHA
HA
HA!



WA-
AAA-
AH?!

GROPE

GO-
OO-
TCHA!

GROPE

GROPE



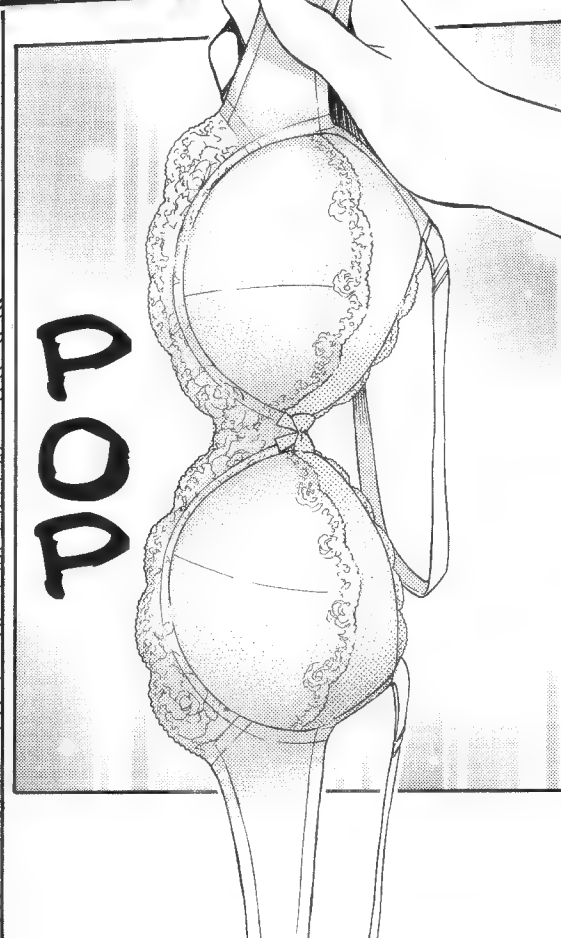
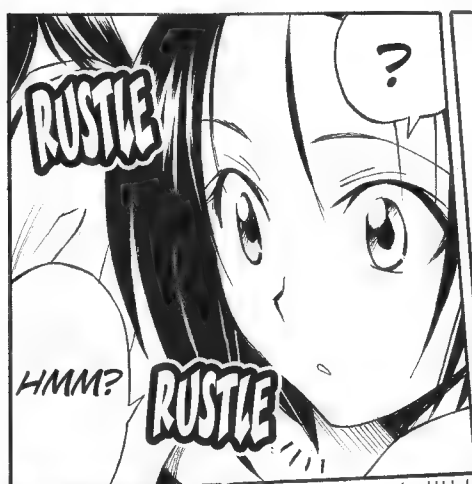
NO
WAY IS
HARUNA
THE ONE
DOING
ALL
THAT!

HOLD
ON,
WHAT THE
HECK'S
THE DEAL
HERE?!

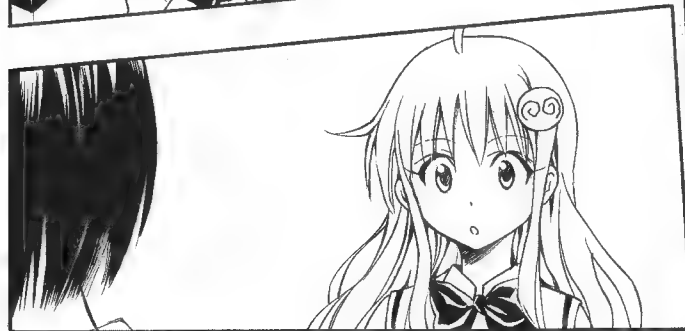
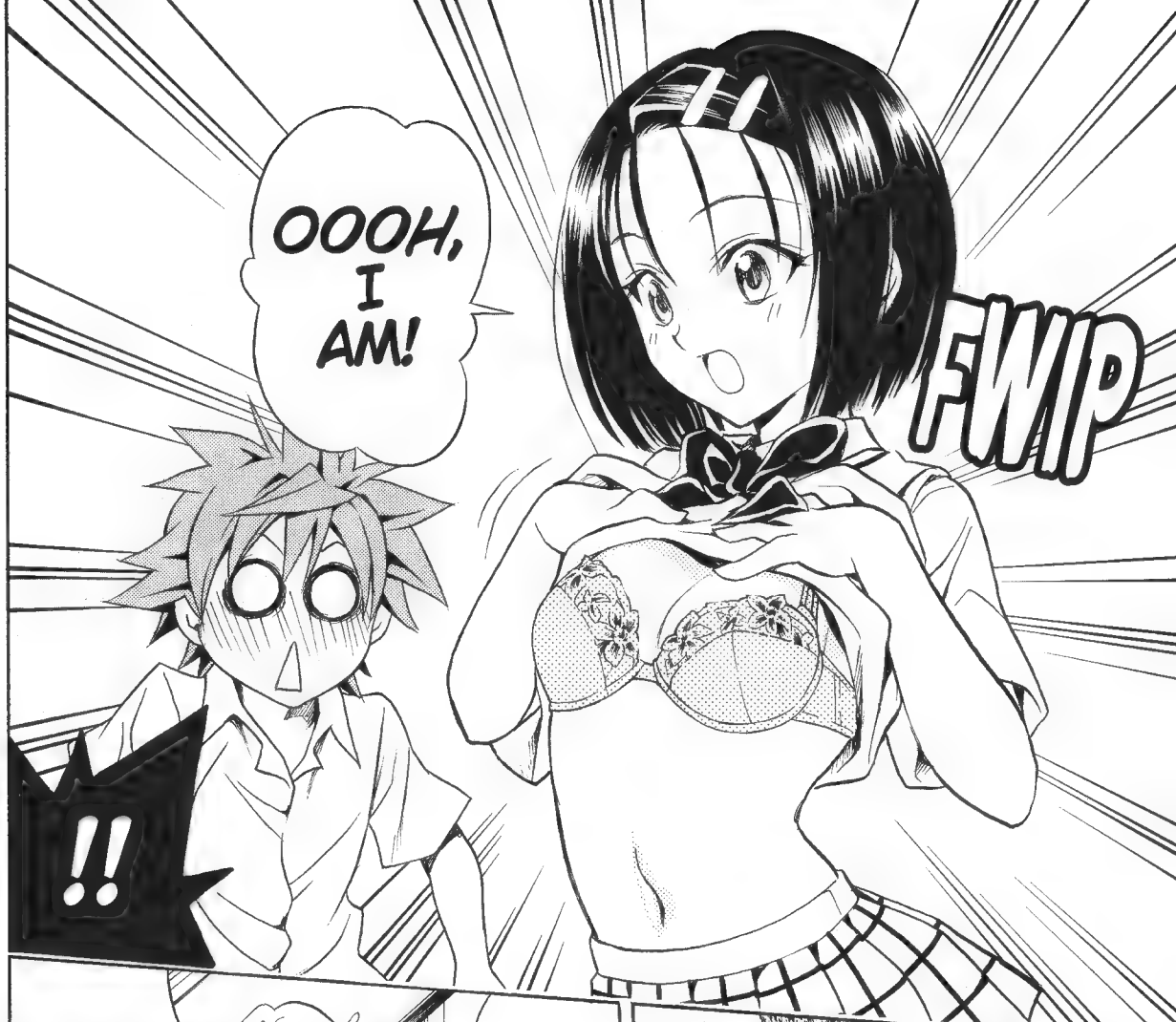


?!!









SOME-
THING'S
DEFINITELY
OFF WITH
HER!

HAS
HARUNA-
DONO
ALWAYS
BEEN LIKE
THIS?

MIIN
MIN
MIN
MIN

IT COULDN'T
BE, THOUGH...
HARUNA-
CHAN'S AN
EARTHLING,
AFTER ALL.

IT CAN'T BE...
IS IT THE
SAME ILLNESS
THAT TOTALLY
CHANGED
LALA'S
PERSONALITY,
A TOO?
REVERSAL
FEVER...?

SOME-
THING
WAS
SERIOUSLY
WEIRD
ABOUT
HARUNA-
CHAN
TODAY...

THERE
YOU
ARE~!!

HEY!

SHE
WASN'T
ACTING
LIKE
HERSELF
AT ALL...
WHAT'S
THE
DEAL?









H-HANG
ON A
SEC!
WHAT'D
YOU
SAY?!

I
LOVE
YOU!!



WHAT
?!

THA
THUMP



HARUNA-
CHAN...
LOVES
ME?!!

LOVE
?!!



O...
OKAY!
NOW
ME...!

A...
ACTU-
ALLY,
I...



AT LONG
LAST, MY
DREAM
HAS
BECOME
REALITY!!

THE
DAY
HAS
COME
AT
LAST
~!!!

**JULULULUST
KIDDING!!**







AND THIS MORNING, I AT LAST PUT ALL MY YEARNING INTO ACTION AND BROKE OUT OF THE OLD SCHOOL-HOUSE!

WELL, YOU SEE, EVER SINCE MEETING EVERYBODY, I'VE FOUND MYSELF YEARNING FOR THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD.



HELLLP!!

EEEEK!!



WOOF!

WOOF!

HOWEVER...



DO-KUN

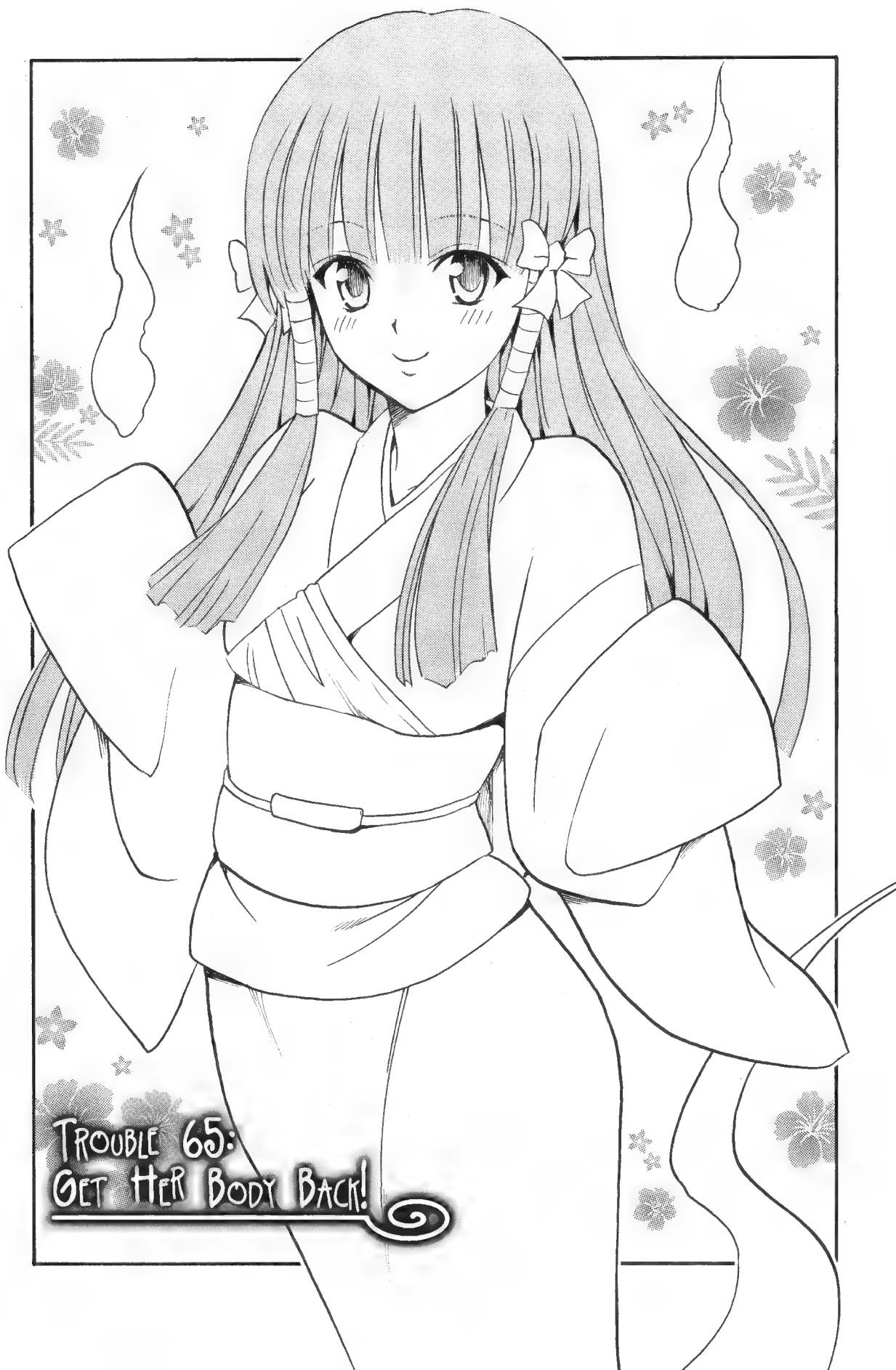


WHAT IS IT, LITTLE GUY?

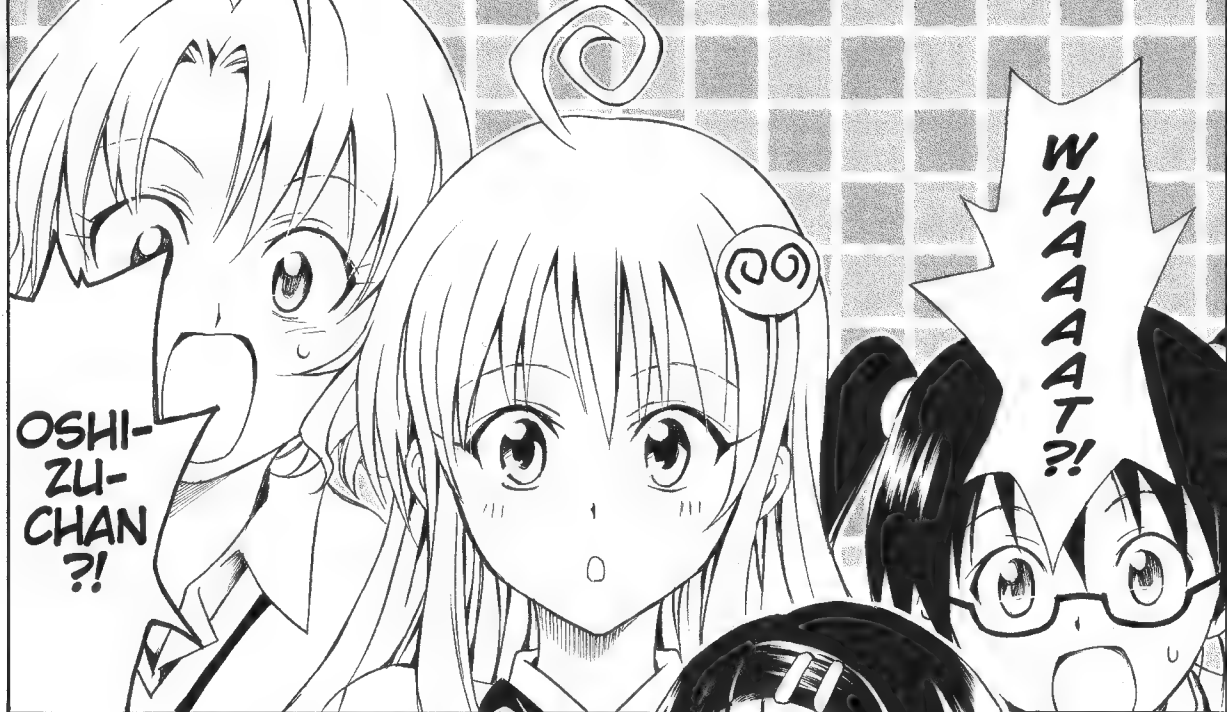
YOU'RE BARKING SO MUCH--



TO LOVERU



TROUBLE 65:
GET HER BODY BACK!



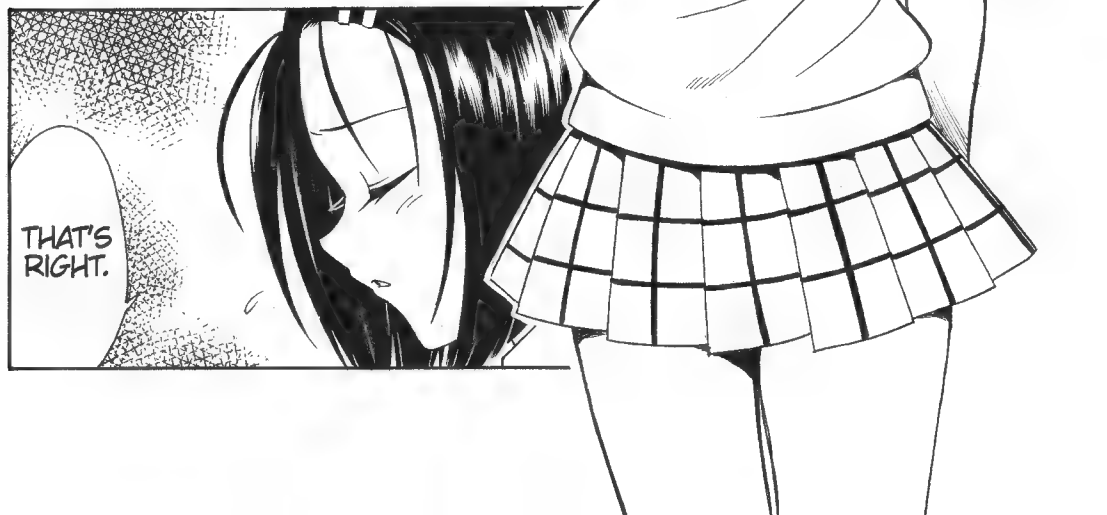
OSHI-
ZU-
CHAN
?!

WHAAT?
?



YOU'RE
THE GHOST
FROM
THE OLD
SCHOOL-
HOUSE!

AND YOU
CAN'T GET
YOURSELF
OUT OF
HARUNA'S
BODY?!



THAT'S
RIGHT.



BUT...
I NEVER
DREAMED
THIS
WOULD
HAPPEN.

I'M SORRY...
I JUST
WANTED
TO SEE
WHAT THE
WORLD
LOOKED
LIKE
NOWADAYS.



ER,
I THINK
YOU'RE
KIND OF
MISSING
THE
POINT
HERE...

INCREDI-
BLE!
GHOSTS
CAN
COMBINE
WITH
EARTH-
LINGS!

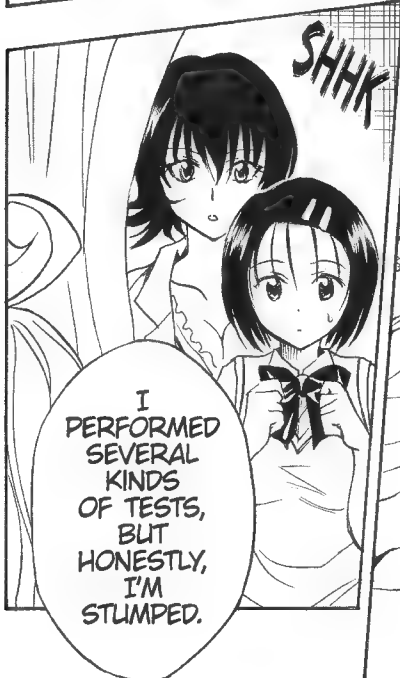
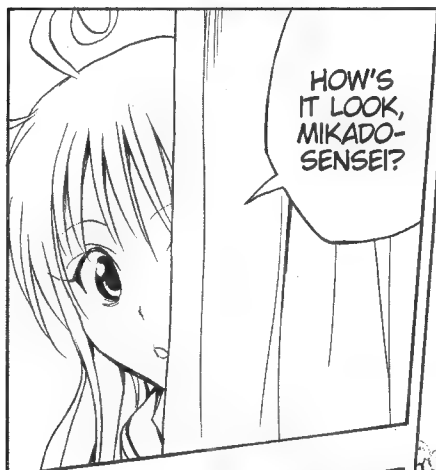


WELL, NO
WONDER
HARUNA
SEEMED SO
DIFFERENT
THAN
USUAL!



FOR
STARTERS,
MAYBE WE
COULD HAVE
MIKADO-
SENSEI LOOK
INTO IT FOR
US AND SEE
WHAT SHE
CAN FIGURE
OUT?

SOOO,
WHAT
NOW?







HMM?

BUT...
WHAT
GOOD
DOES
KNOWING
THAT
DO...?



SHE'S
GONE
?!

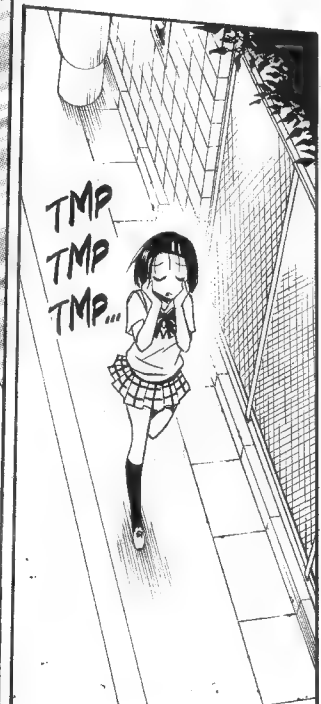
HEY,
WHERE
DID
HARUNA...
I MEAN,
OSHIZU-
CHAN
GO?



TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP

IT'S
MY FAULT
THAT
HARUNA-
SAN
IS...!

ARGH!
WHAT
AM I
GONNA
DO?!



TMP
TMP
TMP...

HONK
HONK
HONK

THIS
IS BAD...
I WAS
SO UPSET
THAT I
WANDERED
OUTSIDE...

?!

CLEANING

Mi

Restaurant
Mimura

SIGH...

EYAAAGH!!

BUROOON

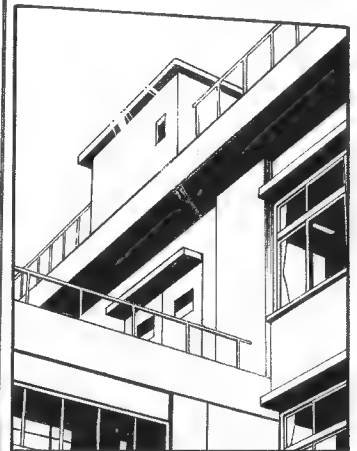
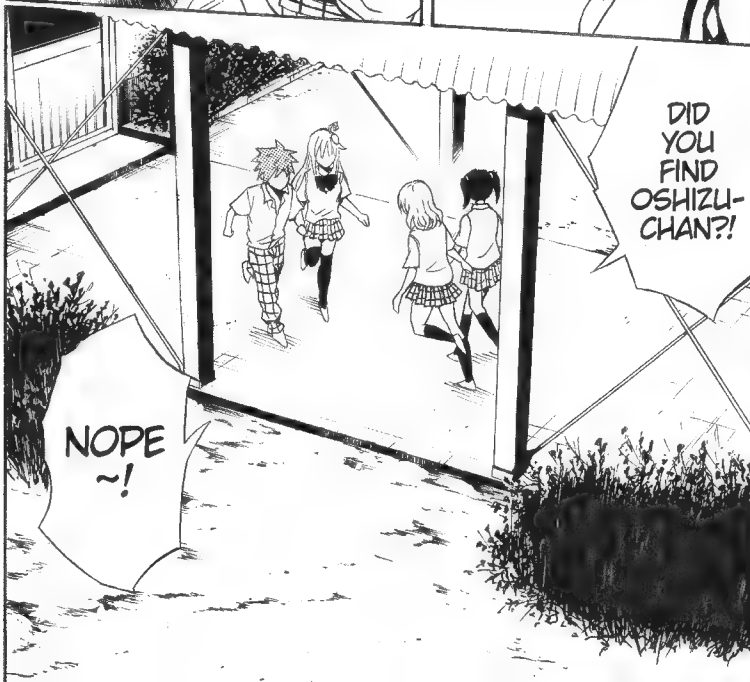
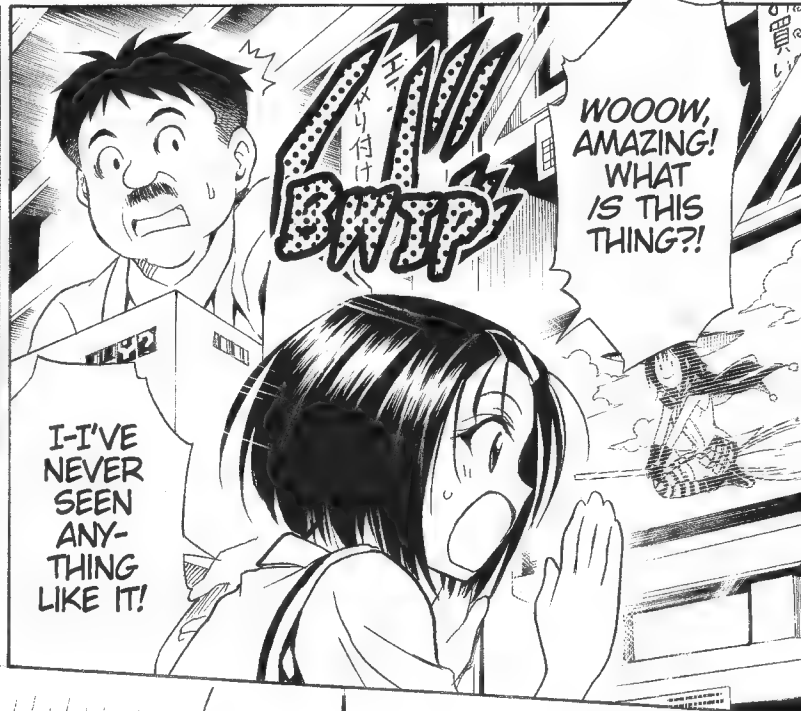
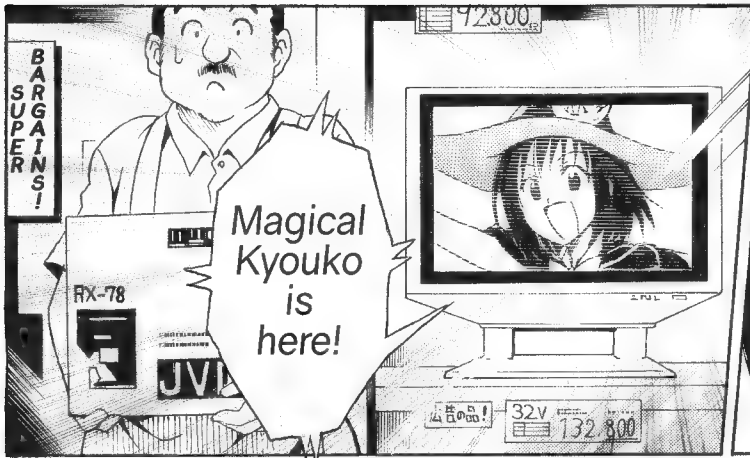
WHAT...

Appliances

HEY,
YOU
OKAY,
MISS?!

OH,
ER...
YES.

WHAT
WAS
THAT
IRON
BEAST
...?





LET'S
SPLIT
UP AND
LOOK
FOR
HER!

WE'VE
GOTTA
HURRY!

MAYBE
SHE
REALLY
DID
GO OUT
SOME-
WHERE...

DASH



ONE
OTHER
THING I
LEARNED BY
EXAMINING
HER BRAIN-
WAVES...

WHAT
D'YOU
MEAN,
MIKADO-
SENSEI?!

WE MAY
BE IN
TROUBLE
IF WE
DON'T
HURRY...



WHETHER
OSHIZU-SAN
MEANS FOR IT
TO HAPPEN OR
NOT, IF SHE
CONTINUES
POSSESSING
SAIRENJI-
SAN'S BODY...

IS THAT
SAIRENJI-
SAN'S
CONSCIOUS-
NESS IS
SLOWLY
WEAKENING.

LALA!
D'YOU
HAVE
ANYTHING
WE
CAN USE
TO FIND
HER?!

I'LL
NEVER
LET
THAT
HAPPEN
!!

YEAH!
LEAVE
IT TO
ME!

IT'S
ENTIRELY
POSSIBLE
THAT
SARENJI-
SAN'S
MIND...

COULD
DISAPPEAR
FOREVER.

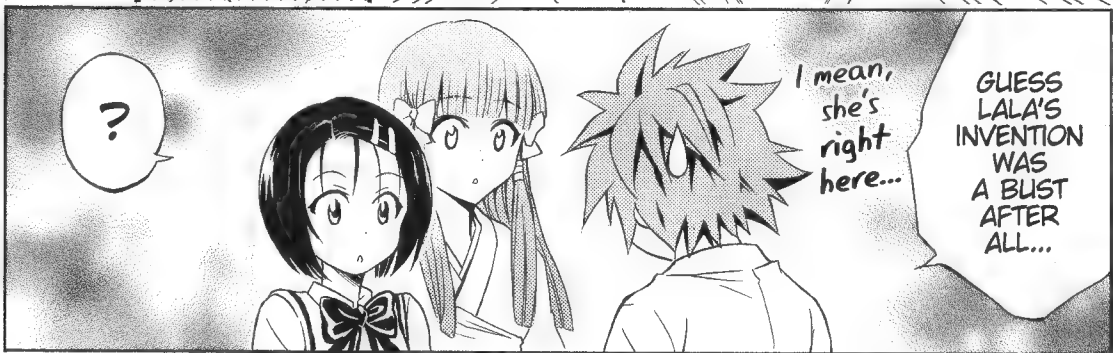
BY
TRACKING
THE WAVE
PATTERN
PRODUCED
BY GHOSTS
THAT WE
LEARNED
ABOUT
EARLIER...

I CAN
CONSTRUCT
A DEVICE
THAT WILL
LOCATE
OSHIZU-
CHAN!

WH-
WHAT'RE
YOU
BUILDING
?!

CLANG
CLANG
CLANG







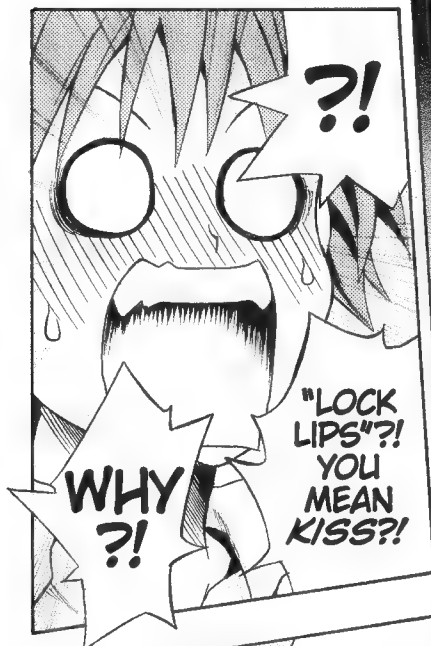


WH...
WHAT?

RITO-
SAN!



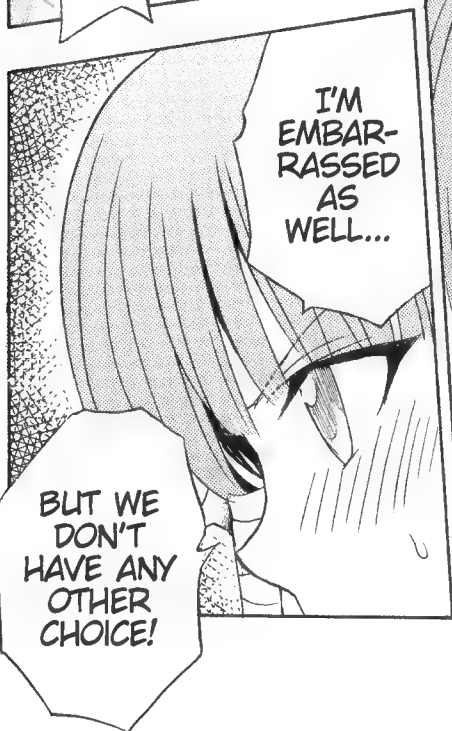
I
KNOW
WHAT
I HAVE
TO
DO!!



?!

WHY
?!

"LOCK
LIPS"?!
YOU
MEAN
KISS?!



I'M
EMBAR-
RASSED
AS
WELL...

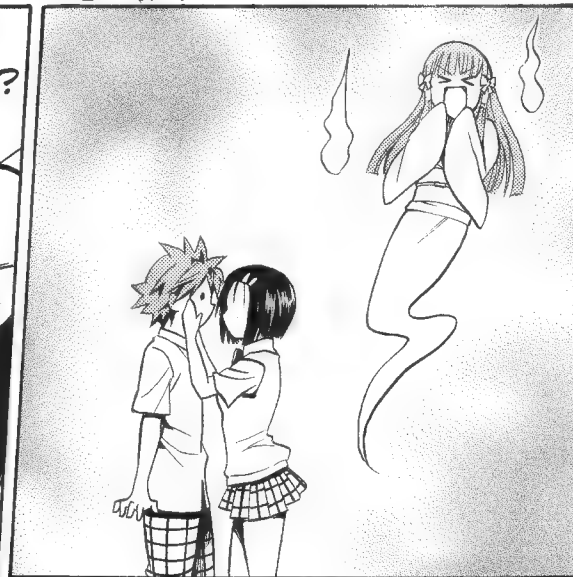
BUT WE
DON'T
HAVE ANY
OTHER
CHOICE!

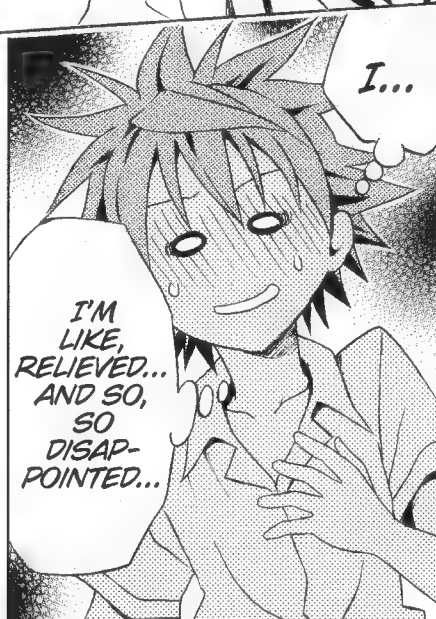


PLEASE
...

LOCK
LIPS
WITH
ME!

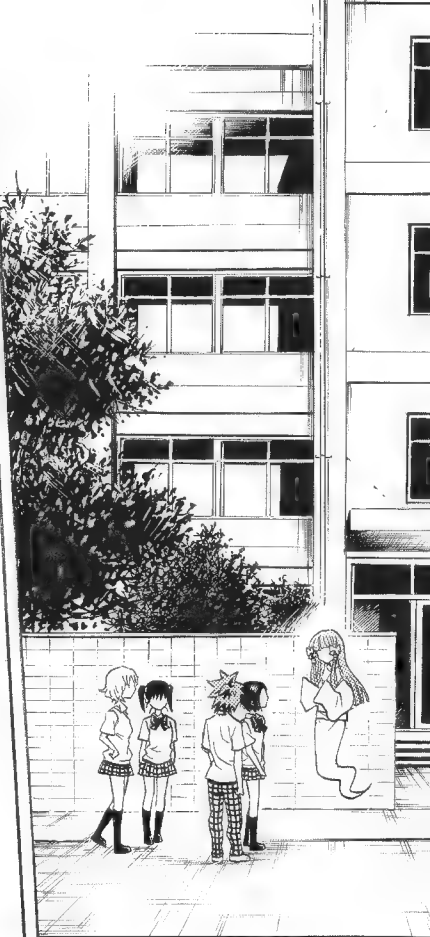








I'M SO
TERRIBLY
SORRY
TO HAVE
CAUSED
SUCH
TROUBLE
FOR
EVERY-
BODY!



I...
IT'S
OKAY...
D-D-
DON'T...
WORRY
ABOUT
IT...

O...
OSHIZU-
CHAN...
THE
GHOST...

HYUU

WHOO

ESPECIALLY
TO YOU,
HARUNA-
SAN.
I'M REALLY,
REALLY
SORRY!

WHOO



Y-YES,
EVEN
BACK
WHEN I
WAS
ALIVE...

ARE
YOU
REALLY
THAT
SCARED
OF
THEM?

SO,
YOU'RE
A GHOST,
BUT
YOU'RE
NOT A FAN
OF DOGS,
HUH?

TO LOVERU

MIIN

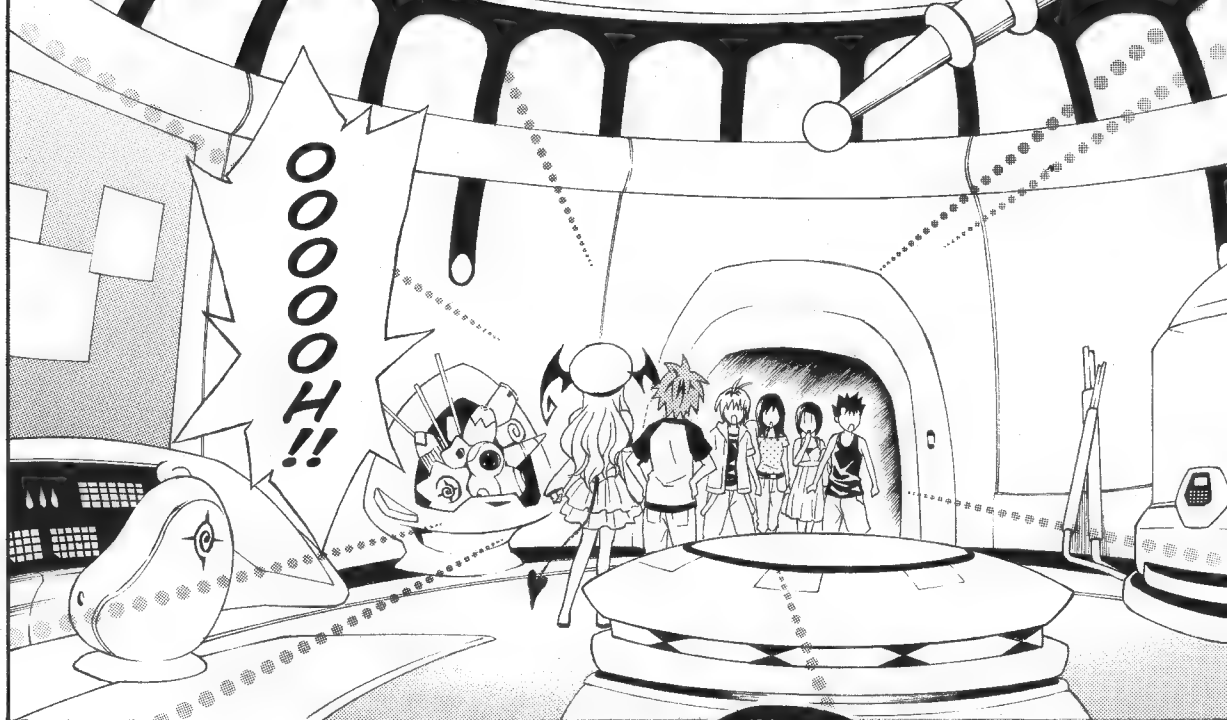
MIIN ~ ~ ~

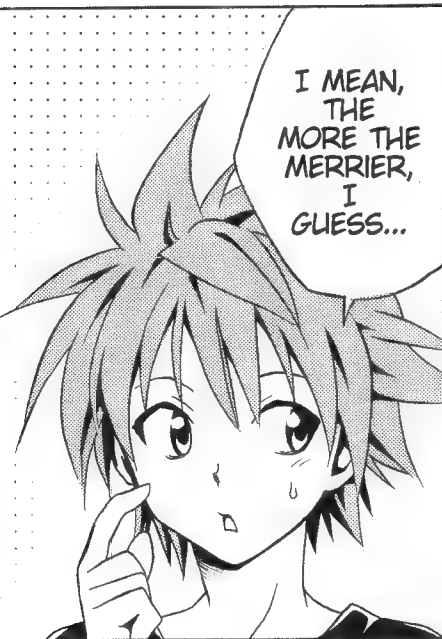
TRouble 66:
SWIM, DOLPHIN-KUN!

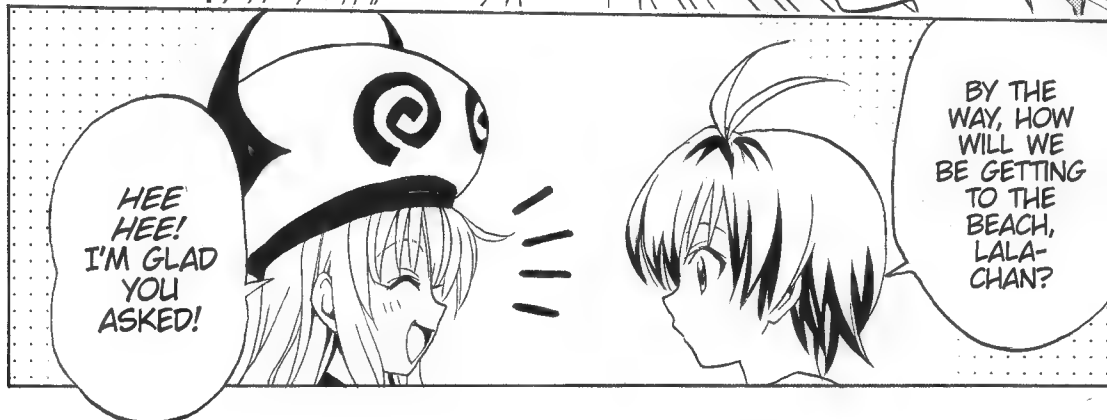
BEHOLD!

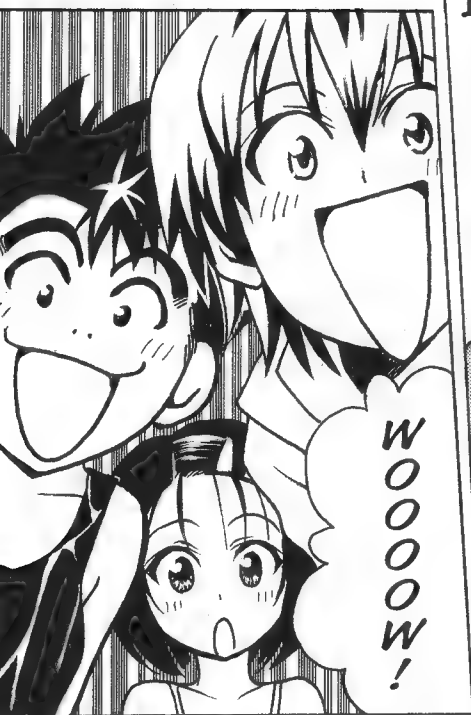
WELCOME
TO
MY RE-
SEARCH
LAB!!





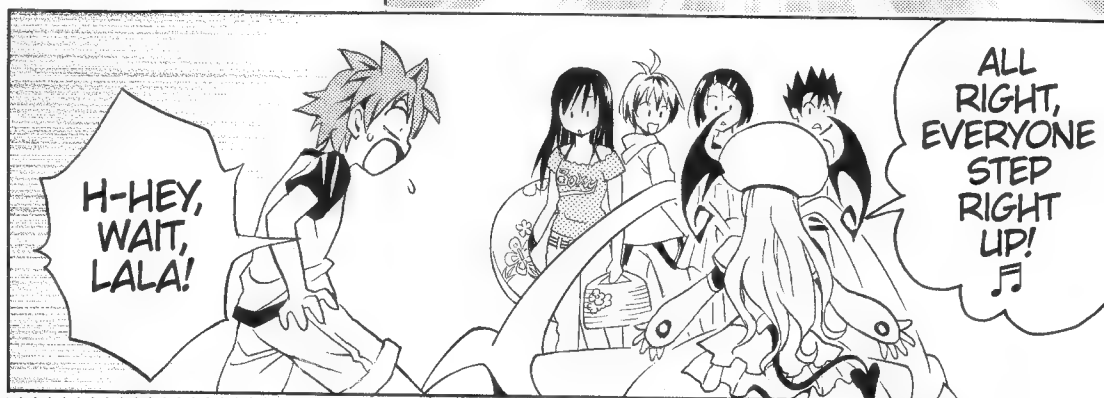
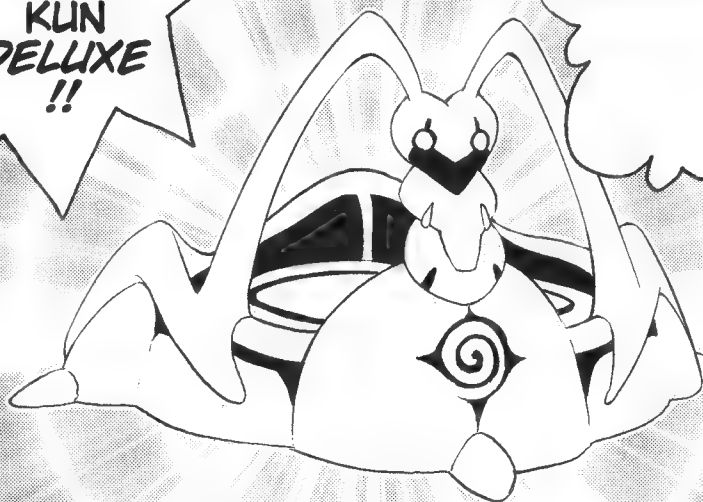






I PRESENT
TO YOU:
BOINGY-
BOING
WARP-
KUN
DELUXE
!!

TA-
DAAA!



H-HEY,
WAIT,
LALA!

ALL
RIGHT,
EVERYONE
STEP
RIGHT
UP!
♪

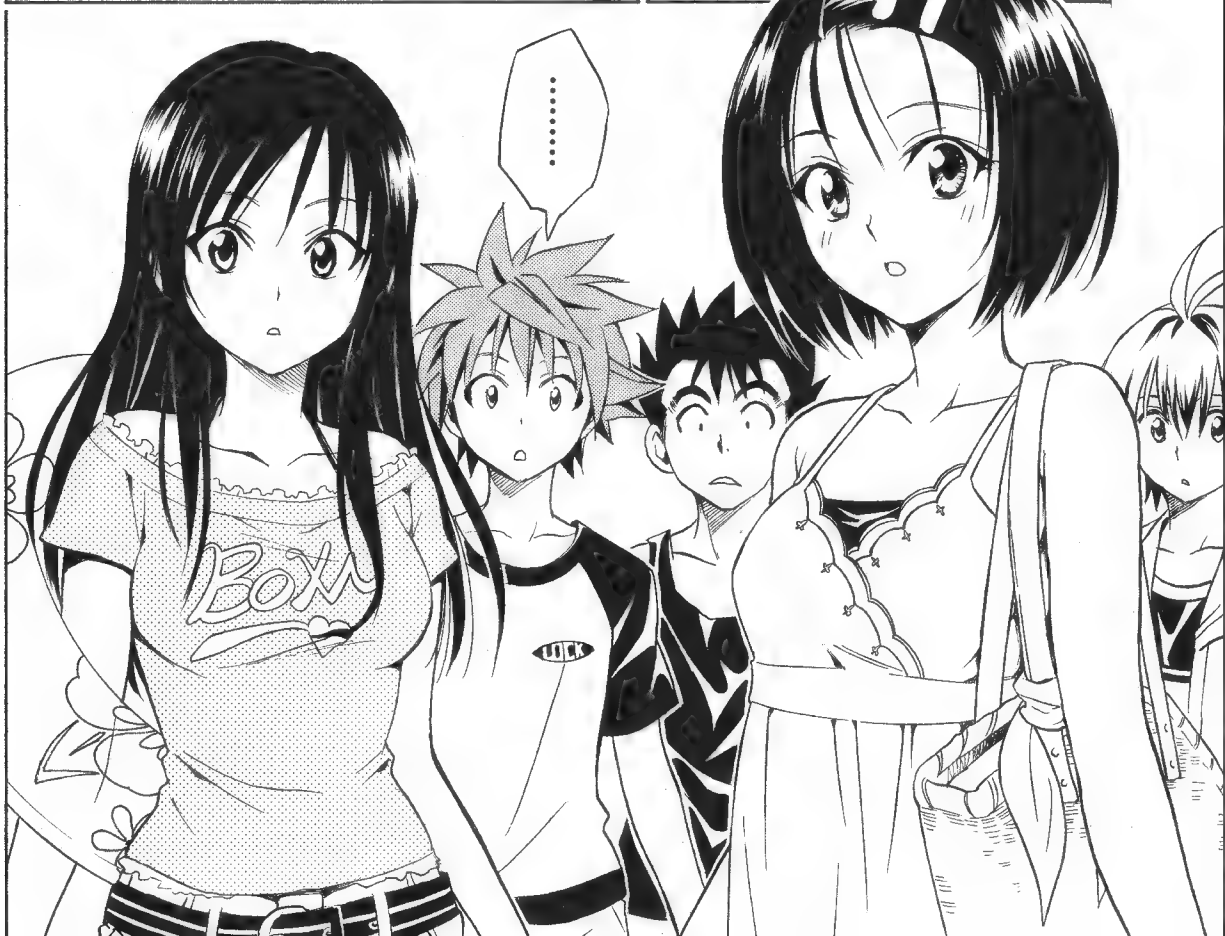


ALL
RIGHT,
HERE
WE GO!
HURRY
OVER
HERE,
RITO!



IT'S FINE!
THIS IS
TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
FROM THAT
PIDDLING
OLD
MODEL!!

ARE YOU
SURE NEW
WARP-KUN
DOESN'T
HAVE
THE OLD
WARP-KUN'S
PROBLEM
WITH THE
WHOLE
MAKES-
YOU-NAKED
THING?



IT'S
THE
OCEAN
!!

IT...

SHA... SHA...

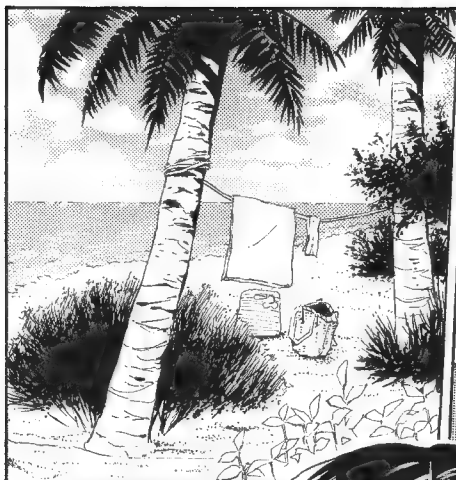
AS I SAID,
LALA-
CHAN
NEVER
DISAP-
POINTS!
♡

THE
SEA
IS SO
PRETTY
~!

AWESOME!
WE
REALLY
DID POOF
OVER
HERE
IN AN
INSTANT!!

WAIT,
HANG ON...
DID ONE
OF LALA'S
INVENTIONS
SERIOUSLY
WORK
WITHOUT
A HITCH?

B...BUT...
WE WERE
JUST
IN THE
ROOM,
THOUGH...



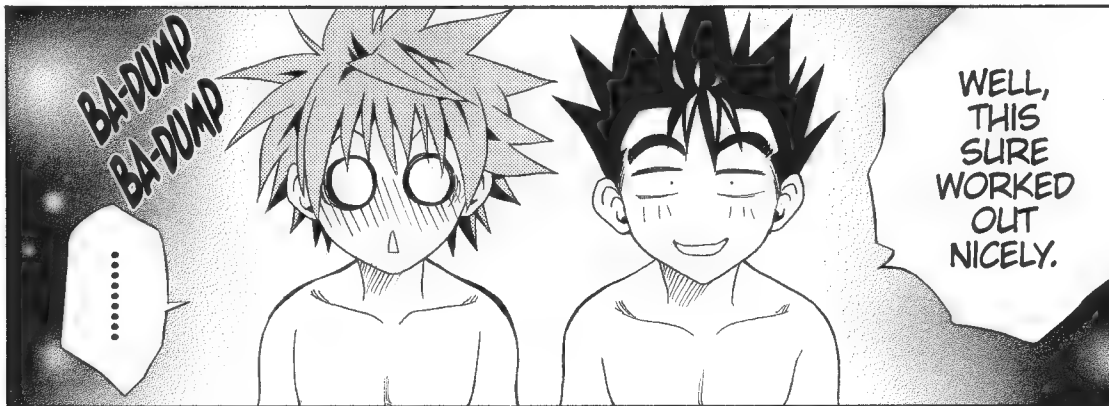
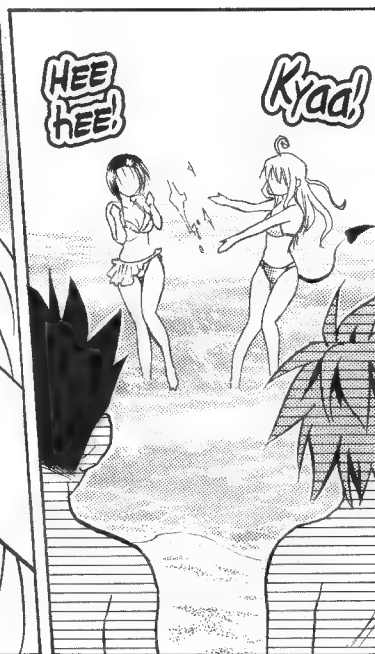
AW,
YEAH!
WE'VE
GOT THE
PLACE
TO OUR-
SELVES!!

I FIGURED
THE USUAL
SWIMMING
SPOTS ARE
ALWAYS
CROWDED, SO
I PICKED AN
ISLAND THAT
LOOKED LIKE IT
DIDN'T HAVE
MANY PEOPLE
ON IT~!



LET'S
HIT THE
WATER,
HARU-
NA!

YEAH!

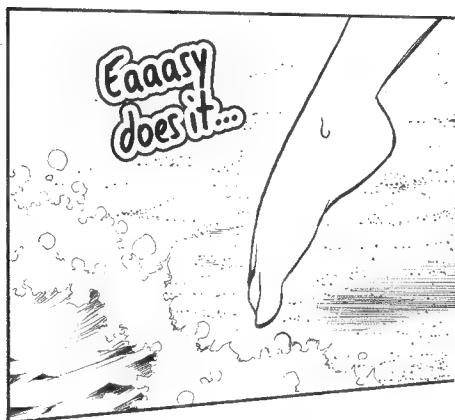




Ah ha ha...

Hee
hee!

Oooh!



Eaaaay
does it...



KER-
SPLAAASH

JOLT

110
7





KOTE-GAWA...
COULD
IT BE...

TH-THE
WAVES
ARE A
LITTLE
TOO HIGH
FOR
ME!!



WHAT
IS IT,
KOTE-
GAWA?
NOT
GETTING
IN?

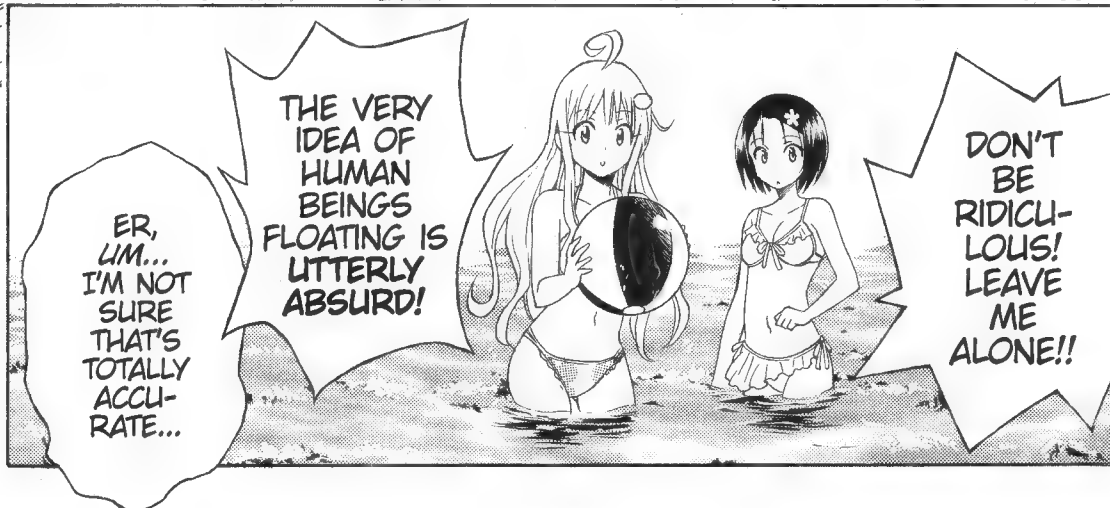


THA THUMP

!!



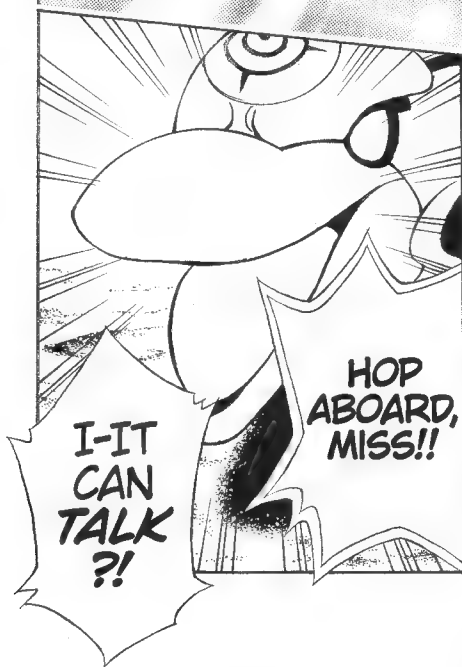
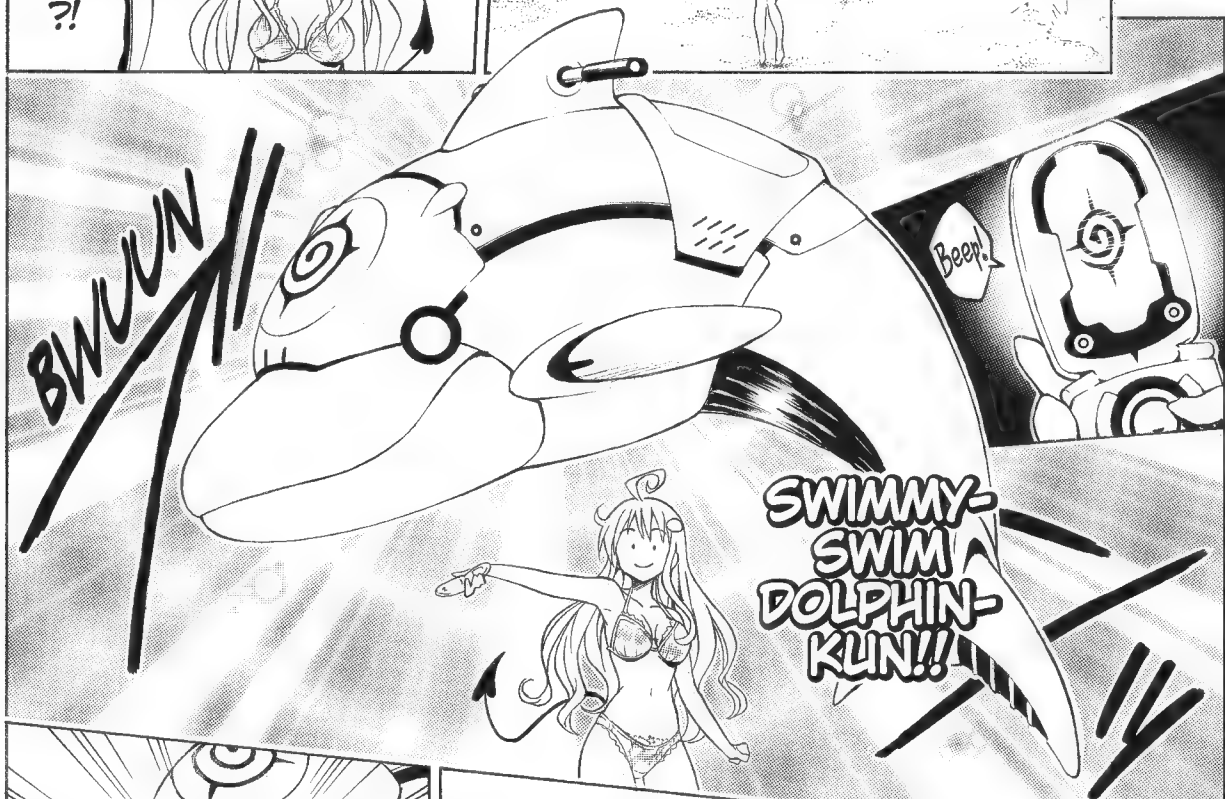
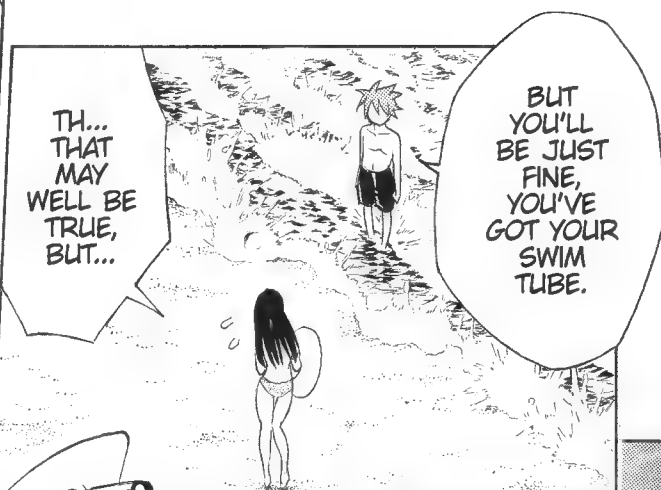
YOU
CAN'T
SWIM?



ER,
L/M...
I'M NOT
SURE
THAT'S
TOTALLY
ACCU-
RATE...

THE VERY
IDEA OF
HUMAN
BEINGS
FLOATING IS
UTTERLY
ABSDURD!

DON'T
BE
RIDICU-
LOUS!
LEAVE
ME
ALONE!!



HERE
WE
GO!!!

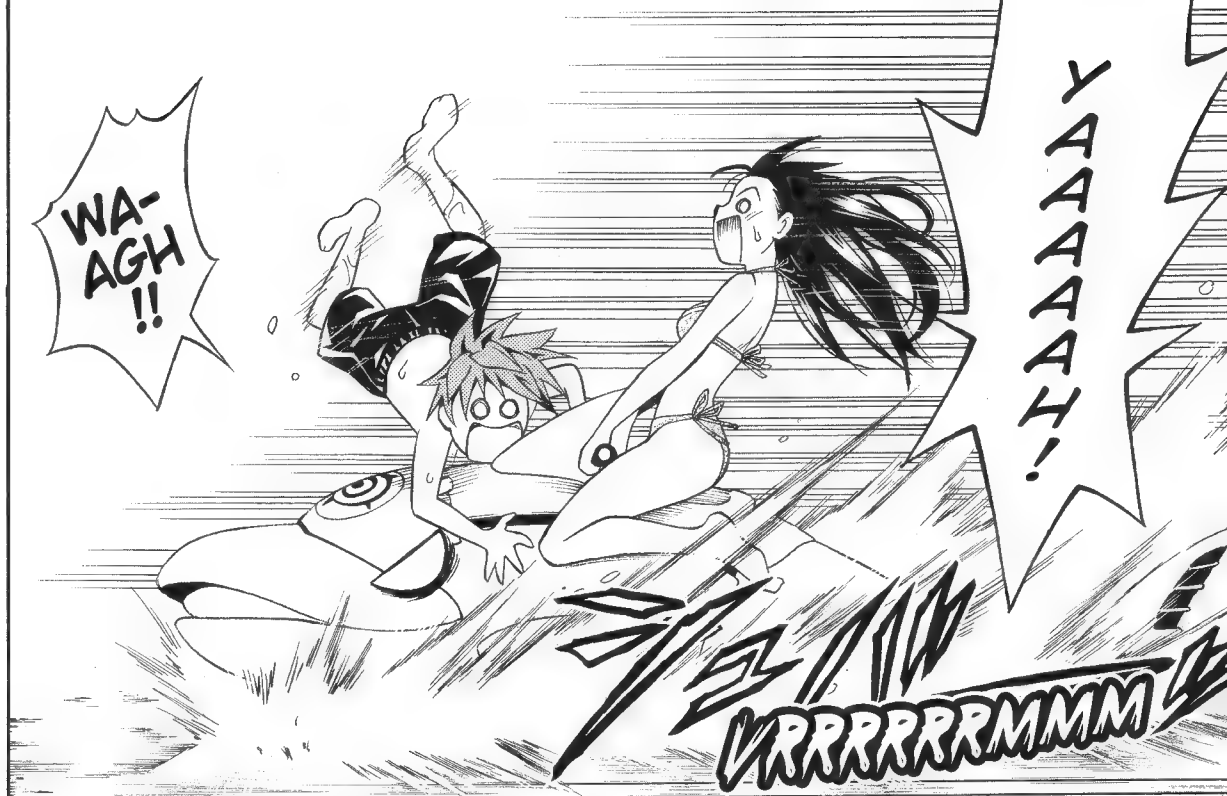
MRP
MRP
MRP

LEAVE
'ER TO
ME,
MISS!!

UM...
IS THIS
REALLY
ALL
RIGHT?

BWOOOOON

Uh.



WE'RE
KICKING
THINGS
INTO
HIGH
GEAR
!!!

HOLD
ON TO
YOUR
SWIM-
WEAR!!

WIBBLE

WIBBLE

WIBBLE WIBBLE

ACK!

A-
GUH-

GUH-
GUH!

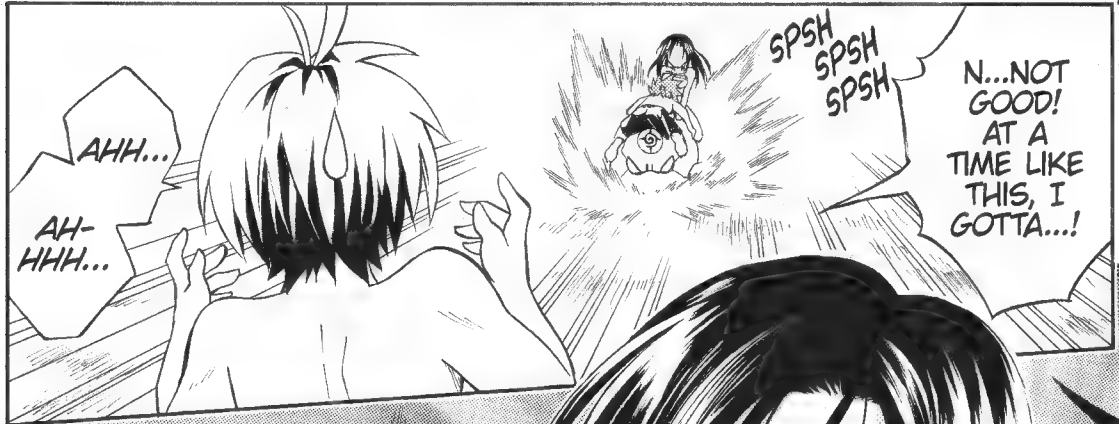
NO-
OO-
OO!

HUH
?!

SPLI SPLI SPLI SPLI

MAKE
IT
STO-
OOP!

SPLI



OH
NOOO!
RITO-
KUN?!

RUN
?!

salooon!

EEEE
AAAAH!





WHAT
KIND OF
THING
DID YOU
JUST
HAVE ME
RIDE?!

LIGH!
THAT
WAS
THE
WORST
!!

WOO-HOO!

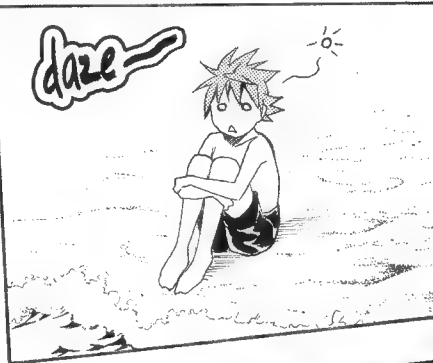
Woo-
hoo!

RI...
RITO-
KUN,
SNAP
OUT
OF IT!

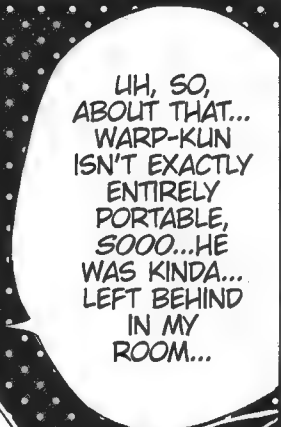
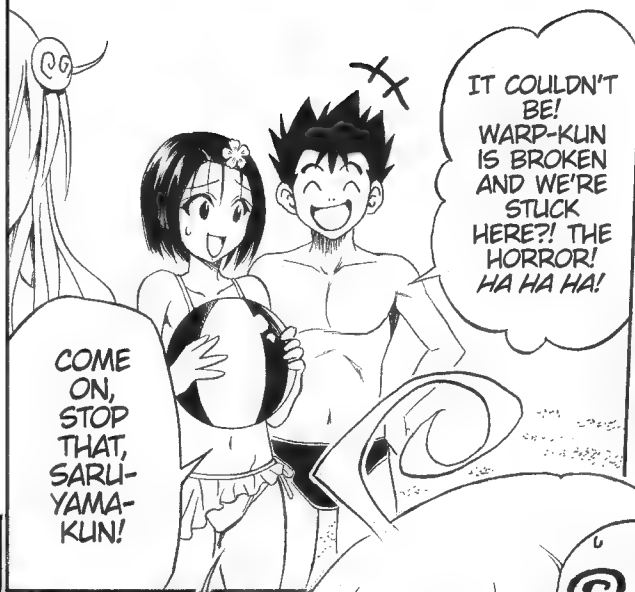


PHEW...

GOOD
THING
I SNUCK
AN
EMERGENCY
SWIMSUIT
INTO REN'S
BAG!
♪



I THINK
WE GOT
OUR
FILL OF
GOOD
TIMES
FOR THE
DAY!



Character File

Saruyama Kenichi

☆Rito's Best Friend

Saruyama is Rito's close friend, and always has his back. (Well, kinda?)



☆Personality

If I had to say anything about Saruyama, it'd be that he *really* likes girls. And so, as a matter of course, he's *deeply* interested in Lala. But he's not just a simple pervert. There's also a side of him that sees Rito as a good friend. He's aware of Rito's feelings for Haruna, and tries to cheer him on and work with him to make that love bloom. Although, it might just be that he's using that as an excuse to act in a way that's convenient for himself.



☆Ability to Take Action

When it comes to the events that unfold around him, you could say Saruyama is the proactive type. On the surface, he seems kind of like a leader, but if you look a little deeper, you'll see that even there, he's always got his sights set on the ladies, and... Oh, huh. Maybe he really *is* just a perv.



☆Someday

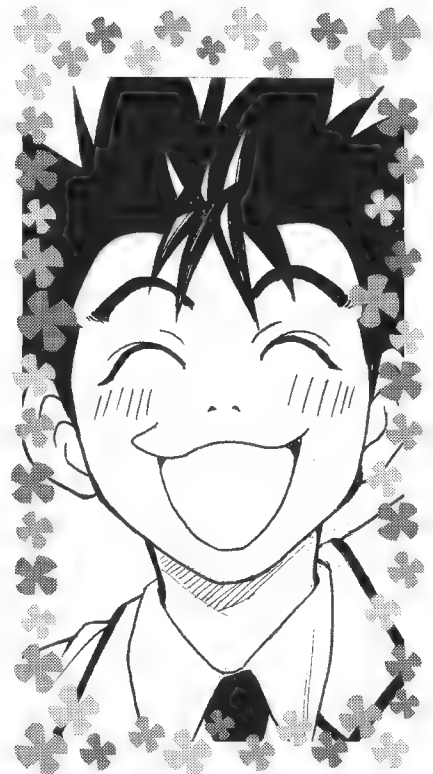
So, it's not really that we *can't* dig down deeper into his character, but since there isn't really anything that noteworthy about him, I think he'll probably continue serving as a support for Rito. Although, if we had the opportunity, I wonder if there actually could be some kind of story where Saruyama falls in love for real? What do you think?



☆Name

He's pretty different from how we had conceived of him prior to the manga becoming serialized. At first, we were thinking we'd make him the really handsome, charming type. He would've been a hit among the ladies, and well-versed in matters of love—and he'd support Rito in that way. Also, his name would've been Kiryuu-kun. And hey, if he had debuted as Kiryuu, he might actually be a pretty popular character by this point! (laughs)

Hasemi



HUH?
HE'S
NOT
HERE?

RITO-
OO!

TROUBLE 67:
INHABITANTS OF
THE FREAKY FOREST



WHEW...
IT'S
SO
HOT!

WISH
I HAD
GONE
ALONG
WITH
THEM!

OH, RIGHT,
HE SAID
SOMETHING
ABOUT
GOING TO
THE BEACH
WITH LALA
AND SOME
FRIENDS,
DIDN'T HE?

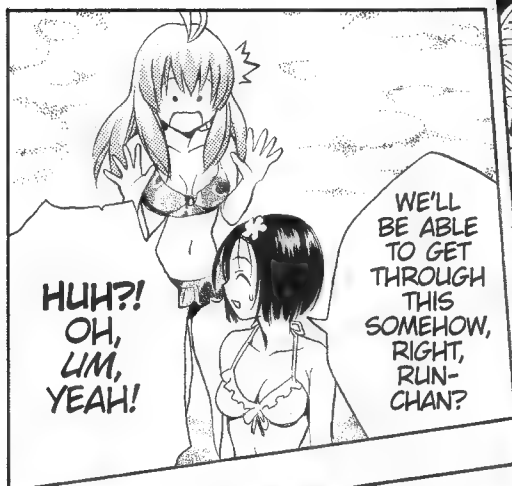
GUESS
THEY'RE
STILL
OUT.





TROUBLE 67:
INHABITANTS OF
THE FREAKY FOREST





HUH?!
OH,
LIM,
YEAH!

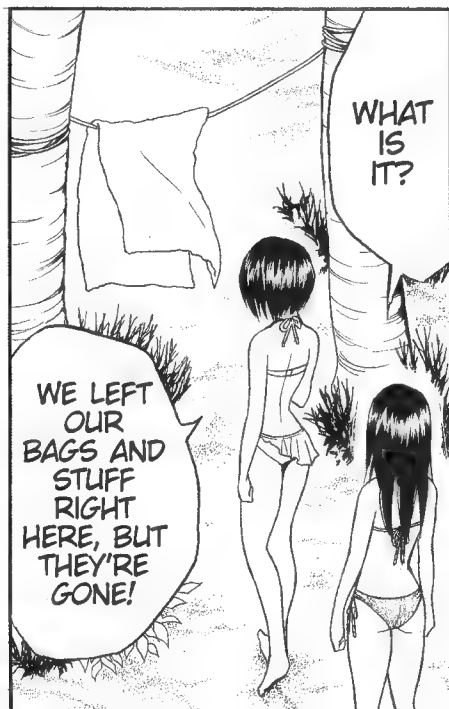
WE'LL
BE ABLE
TO GET
THROUGH
THIS
SOMEHOW,
RIGHT,
RUN-
CHAN?



HMPH!
JUST LIKE
ALWAYS,
LALA-CHAN
CAN'T BUILD
A DECENT
INVENTION
TO SAVE
HER LIFE!

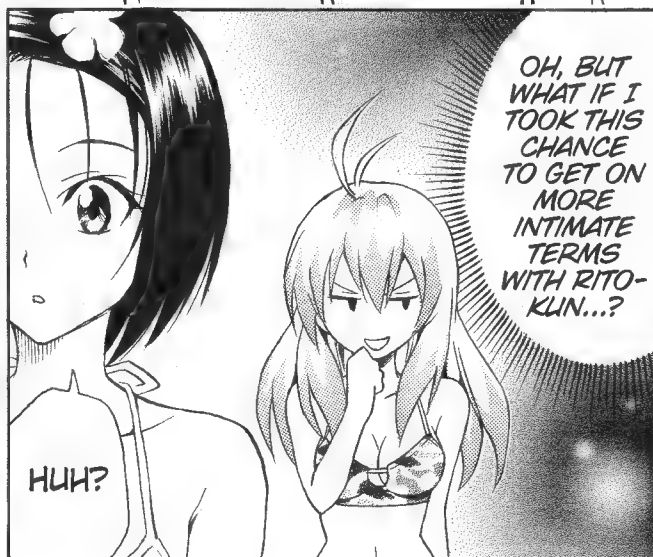


WELL,
FOR
STARTERS,
HOW ABOUT
WE GET
CHANGED
AND THEN
GO LOOKING
FOR A
HOUSE OR
SOME-
THING?



WHAT
IS
IT?

WE LEFT
OUR
BAGS AND
STUFF
RIGHT
HERE, BUT
THEY'RE
GONE!



HUH?

OH, BUT
WHAT IF I
TOOK THIS
CHANCE
TO GET ON
MORE
INTIMATE
TERMS
WITH RITO-
KUN...?





OH,
SURE, I'LL
JUST BE
LIKE, "HEY,
WE'RE ALL
MONKEYS
HERE!
HOW'S
ABOUT YOU
GIVE OUR
STUFF
BACK!"

DUDE,
DOESN'T
THE
SARU IN
"SARUYAMA"
MEAN
MONKEY?!
DO SOME-
THING!



HR-
AAH!



YES,
LALA-
SAMA!

PEKE!
GIMME
SOME
ANTI-
GRAVITY
WINGS!!





LALA
?!

I'LL
CHASE
AFTER
THEM!
YOU
ALL WAIT
HERE!



THIS IS
LALA,
I'M MORE
WORRIED
ABOUT HER
COMING BACK
WITH A
BLUNCH OF
NEW MONKEY
FRIENDS.

IS SHE
GOING
TO BE
OKAY
ON HER
OWN?

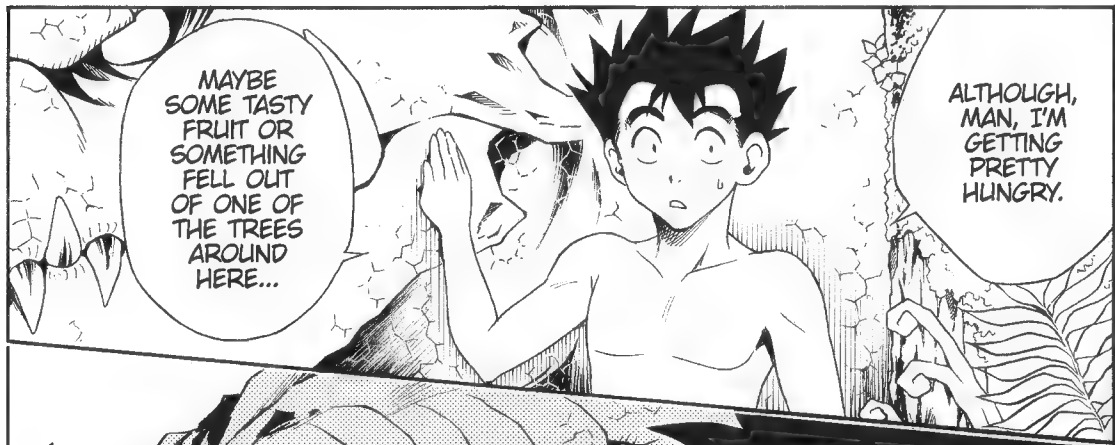
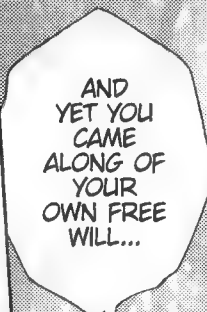
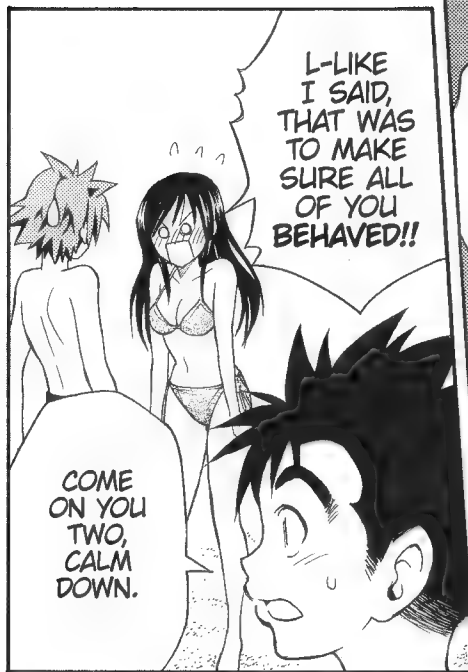


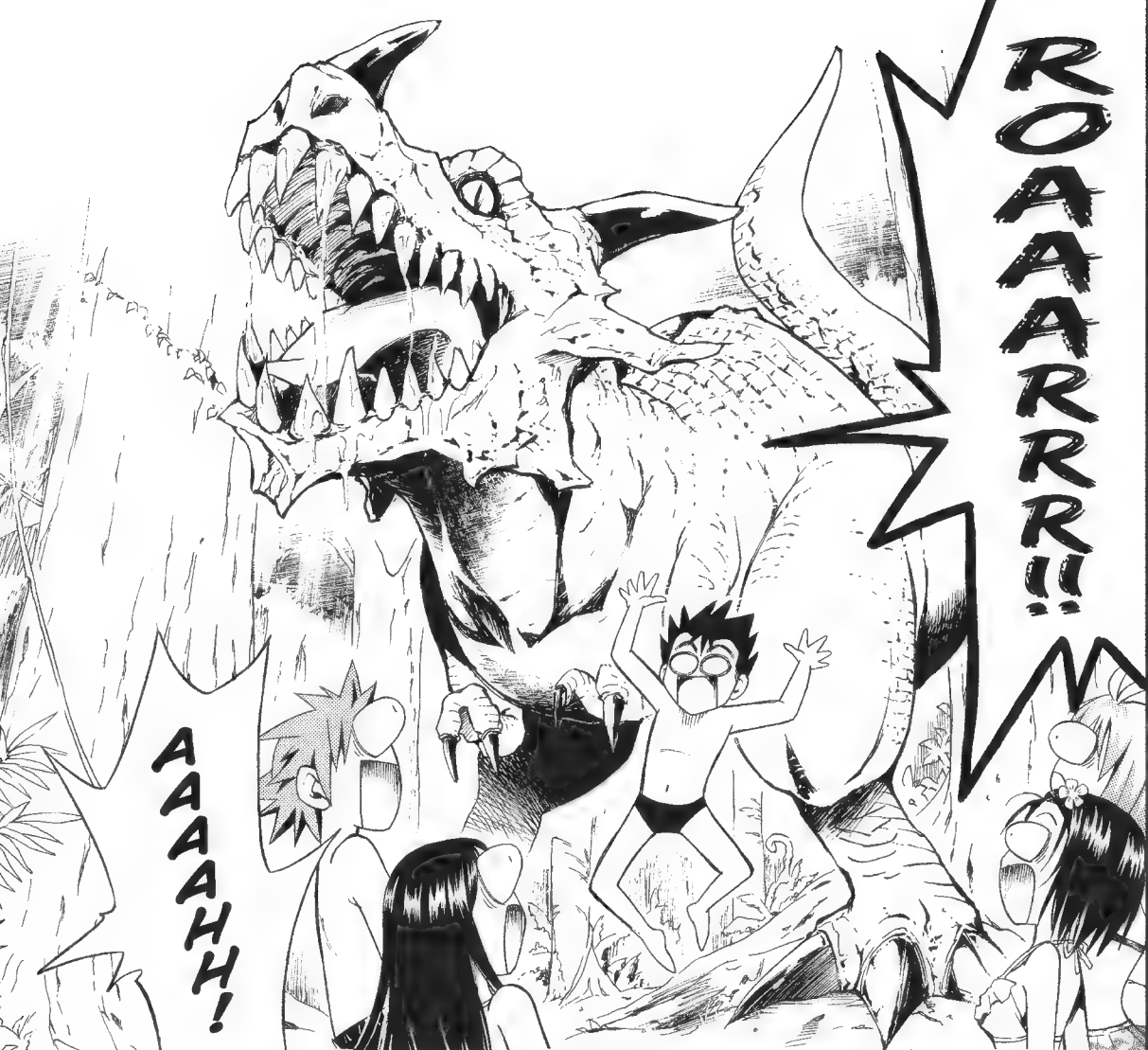
FWOOOSH



ARE...
ARE WE
SURE
THIS
ISLAND
IS IN
JAPAN?

AND
YOU
KNOW,
THIS
FOREST...





ROAARRR!!

AAAHH!



THUM

YOU'RE
A MAN,
RIGHT?!
DO SOME-
THING,
YUUKI-
KUN!!

THUM

THUM

YOU'VE
GOTTA
BE
KIDDING
ME!!



WHY IS
THERE
A DINO-
SAUR
HERE?!

HELL
IF I
KNOW
!!!

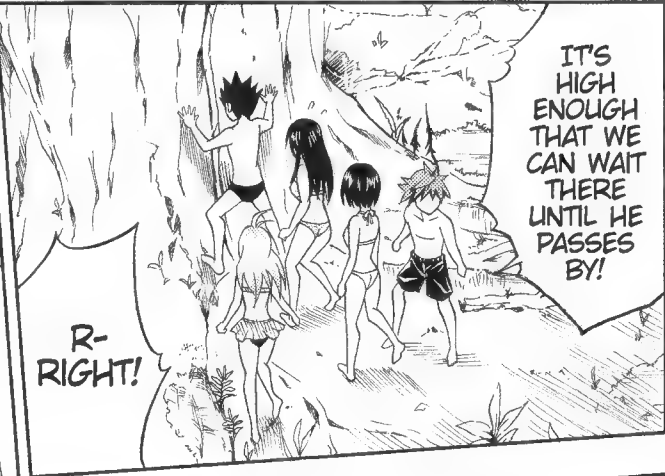




LET'S
CLIMB
THAT
TREE!!



WE
CAN USE
THIS
VINE TO
CLIMB
UP!!



IT'S
HIGH
ENOUGH
THAT WE
CAN WAIT
THERE
UNTIL HE
PASSES
BY!

R-
RIGHT!



AA-
AHH!
HE'S
COMING
!!





RITO,
YOU IDIOT!
THIS ISN'T
THE TIME
TO BE
THINKING
ABOUT
THAT!!



HA...
HARUNA-
CHAN'S
BUTT IS
RIGHT
IN MY
FACE!!!

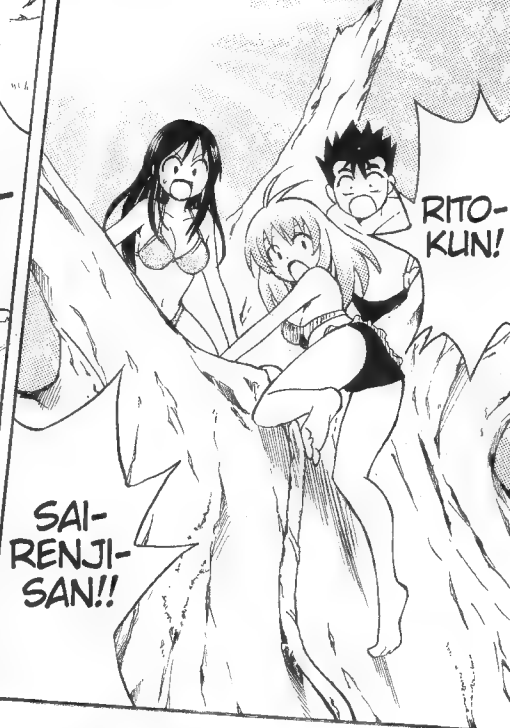


WOBBLE

KYAA!

WOBBLE









A DIFFERENT
PLANET
?!



ACCORDING
TO MY DATA,
WE'RE ABOUT
200,000
LIGHT-YEARS
FROM EARTH.
IT'S A PRIMEVAL,
UNINHABITED
WORLD CALLED
"OKIWANA"
I BELIEVE.



YES.
AS YOU
CAN SEE,
FLOATING IN
THE SKY ARE
TWO MOONS,
AND OF COURSE
THERE'S THE
PRIMEVAL
LIFE FORMS
ON THE
ISLAND...



SPRIISH...



IT
MIXED UP
OKINAWA
AND
OKIWANA
?!

HEE HEE!
SORRY!
I GUESS
WARD-KUN
WAS A
LIITTLE
MIXED-UP!

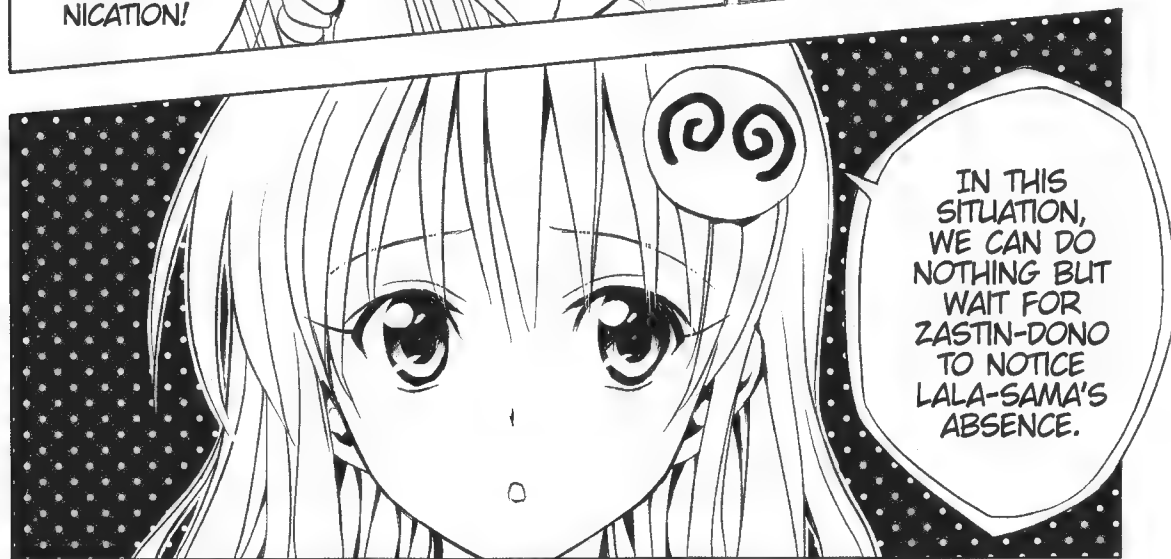


BUT
MY D-DIAL
DOESN'T
HAVE A
STRONG
ENOUGH
SIGNAL FOR
INTER-
PLANETARY
COMMUNIC-
ATION!

I'VE
GOT IT!
WHAT
IF YOU
CALLED
FOR HELP
ON YOUR
PHONE
MACHINE
THINGY?!

WE
DIDN'T
EVEN
END UP
GETTING
OUR
BAGS
BACK!

WH-
WHAT'RE
WE
GONNA
DO,
THEN?!



IN THIS
SITUATION,
WE CAN DO
NOTHING BUT
WAIT FOR
ZASTIN-DONO
TO NOTICE
LALA-SAMA'S
ABSENCE.



I'M
REALLY
SORRY,
EVERY-
ONE...

N...
NO
WAY...



WELL,
THEN WE
DON'T
HAVE ANY
OTHER
CHOICE.

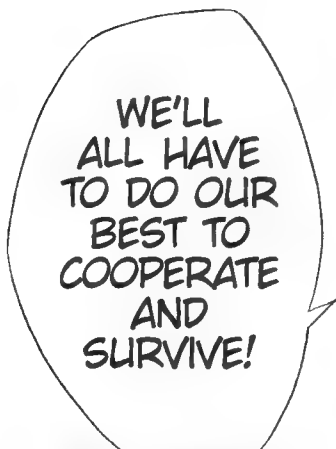


HA HA!
NOTHING
TO
APOLOGIZE
FOR,
LALA-
CHAN!

A PRIMEVAL
PLANET,
OF ALL
THINGS?!
YOU ARE THE
ABSOLUTE
WORST, LALA!
YOU BIG
DUMMY!!



UNTIL
HELP
ARRIVES
...



WE'LL
ALL HAVE
TO DO OUR
BEST TO
COOPERATE
AND
SURVIVE!



HARUNA-
CHAN...

TO LOVERU



TROUBLE 68.

HEART-POUNDING ♥ SURVIVAL

**HOO-
OO-
OOO!**

**ZASTIN!
WE'RE
RUNNING
OUTTA TIME!
OUR
DEADLINE'S
PRACTICALLY
HERE!!**

**UNDER-
STOOD
!!!**

HE
MUST
BE ON
HIS WAY
HERE
BY
NOW.

I
WONDER
IF
ZASTIN'S
FIGURED
IT OUT
YET...

Shaaa...

AND
THERE'S
A SMALL
STREAM
NEARBY, TOO.
WE WON'T
HAVE TO
WORRY ABOUT
DRINKING
WATER,
EITHER.

BUT HEY,
TALK ABOUT
GOOD LUCK!
WE FOUND
THIS
CAVE THAT
OUGHTA
BLOCK
WIND AND
RAIN!!



AND WE
DON'T
HAVE ANY
FOOD OR
OTHER
CLOTHES
...?

WE'RE
GOING
TO HAVE
TO LIVE
HERE UNTIL
SOMEONE
COMES TO
RESCUE
US...?





WHOSE
FAULT IS
IT THAT
WE'RE
IN THIS
MESS
IN THE
FIRST
PLACE?!



CHEER
UP,
YUI~!

LEAVE
ME
ALONE!

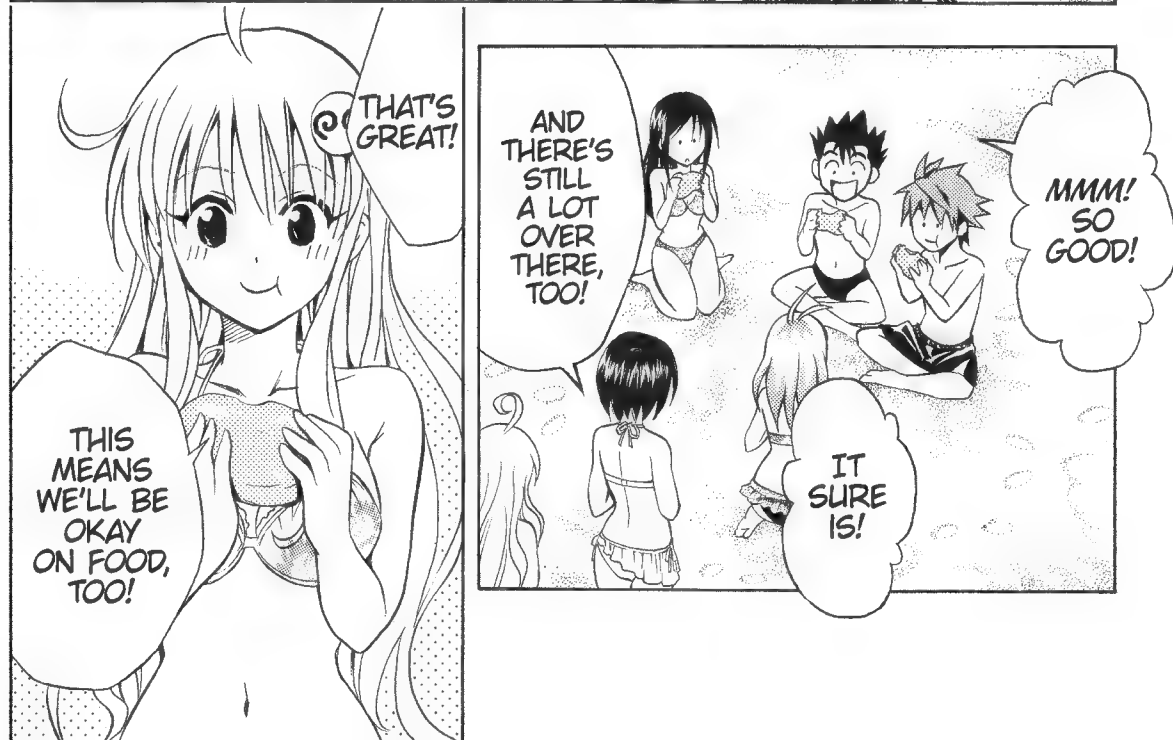


ER,
UM,
THAT IS
TO SAY,
I...!

I'M
SORRY...

HUH
?!







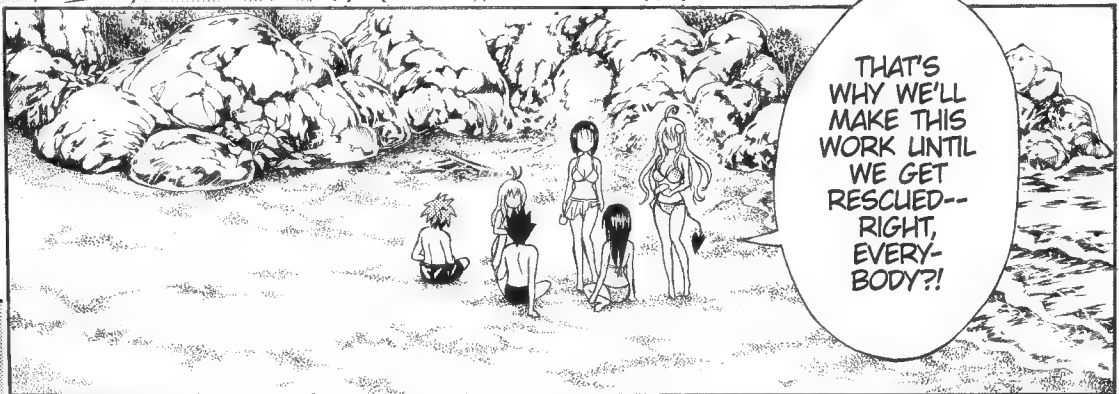
IF WE
WORK
TOGETHER,
WE'LL BE
ABLE TO
GET BY
HERE.

WE'VE
GOT
EACH
OTHER,
AFTER
ALL.



DON'T
WORRY,
LALA-
SAN.
IT'LL BE
OKAY.

HUH?



THAT'S
WHY WE'LL
MAKE THIS
WORK UNTIL
WE GET
RESCUED--
RIGHT,
EVERY-
BODY?!



THANK
YOU!

HARU-
NA...



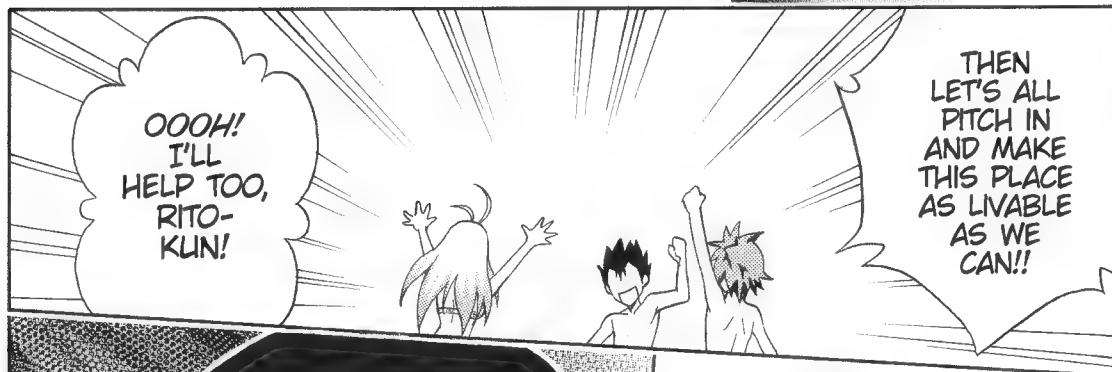
HECK
YEAH!
ALL WE
CAN DO
IS TOUGH
IT OUT!!

ALL
RIGHT!
YOU
READY TO
DO THIS,
SARU-
YAMA?!



HARUNA-
CHAN...
IN A SITUATION
LIKE THIS,
I FIGURED
YOU'D BE THE
ONE WHO'S
MOST AFRAID
OF ALL...

BUT
INSTEAD,
IT'S YOU
WHO'S
KEEPING
EVERYONE'S
SPIRITS
UP.



OOOH!
I'LL
HELP TOO,
RITO-
KUN!

THEN
LET'S ALL
PITCH IN
AND MAKE
THIS PLACE
AS LIVABLE
AS WE
CAN!!



THIS IS
A HUGE
PAIN IN THE
BUTT, BUT
I'VE GOTTA
ACT GOOD
IN FRONT
OF RITO-
KUN!



I THINK
I READ
IN A
MANGA
THAT
YOU DO
IT LIKE
THIS...



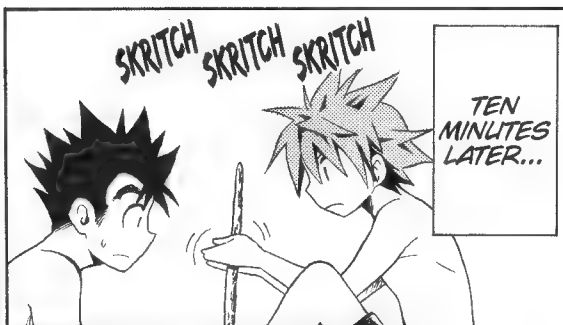
OKAY,
FIRST,
WE'VE
GOTTA
START
A FIRE.

WE'LL
BE IN
TROUBLE
IF THAT
DINOSAUR
OR ONE OF
HIS PALS
SHOWS UP
AGAIN.



SKRITCH SKRITCH SKRITCH SKRITCH

TWENTY
MINUTES
LATER...



SKRITCH SKRITCH SKRITCH

TEN
MINUTES
LATER...



!!

AAA-
AAA-
RRR-
RRGH
!!!

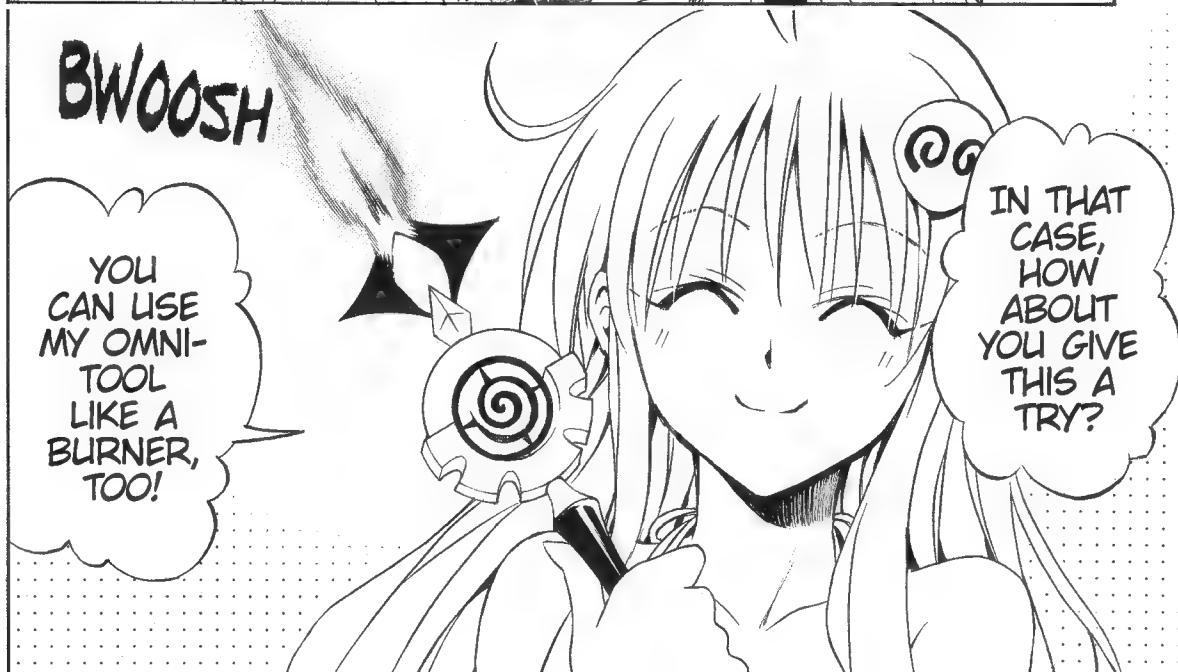
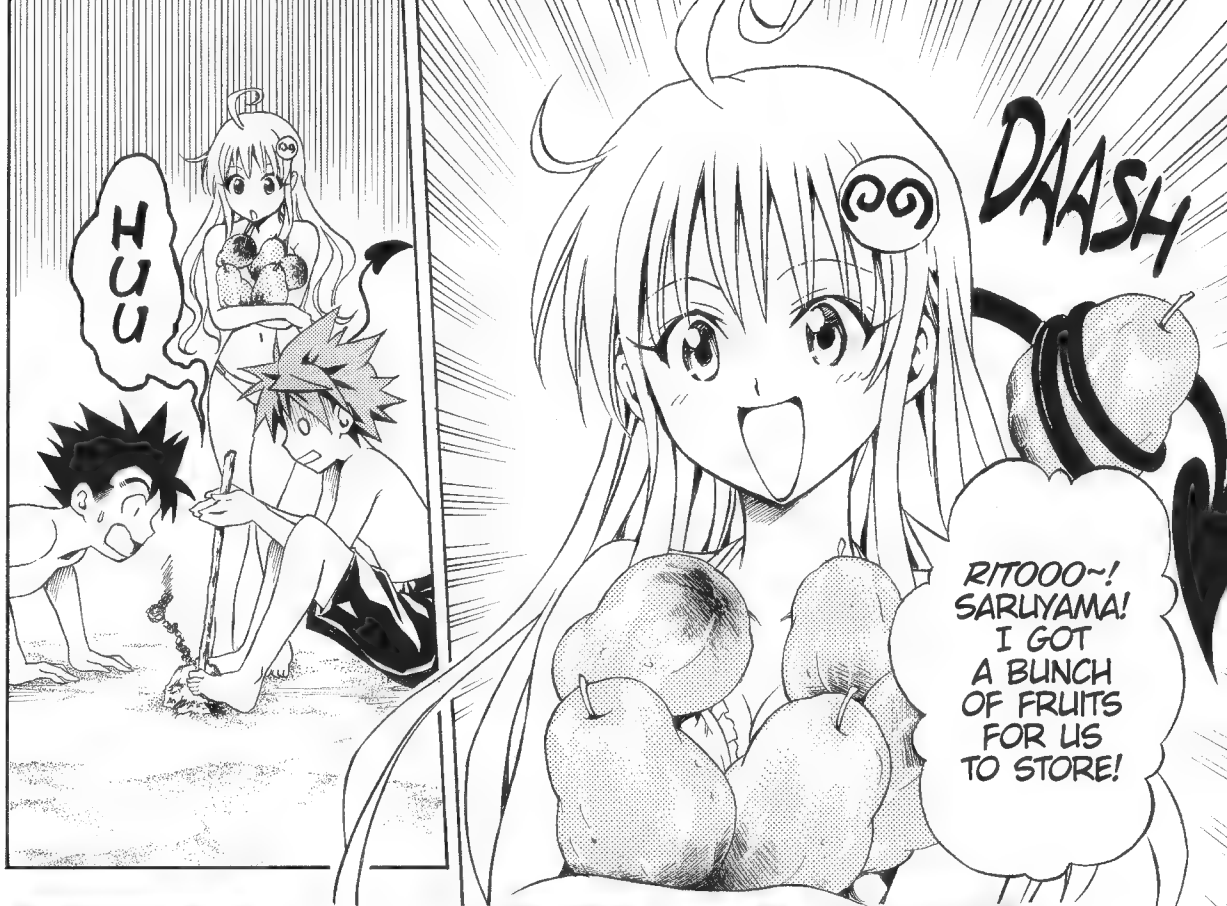
IT'S
CATCH-
ING...!

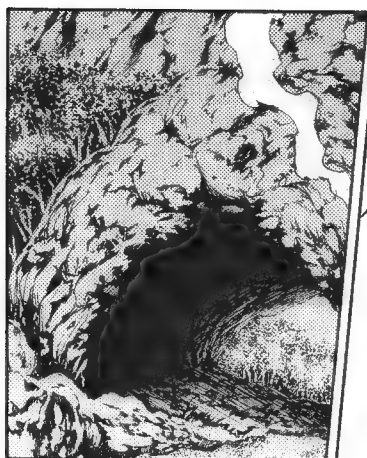
FSHT

FSHT

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REMINDE
ME WHY I
WENT TO
ALL THAT
TROUBLE,
AGAIN...?



CRACKLE
CRACKLE



OKAY,
WE'VE
GATHERED
UP A
BUNCH
OF DEAD
LEAVES!

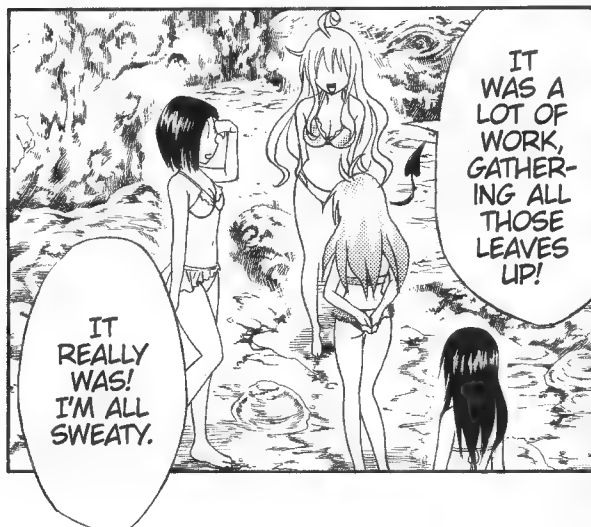


RUSTLE

I WAS
THINKING
WE
COULD
USE
THEM AS
BEDS!

THOUGH,
IT'D BE
BETTER IF
WE HAD
OUR BAGS
THAT THE
MONKEYS
RAN OFF
WITH...

JUST
WHAT'RE
YOU
GONNA DO
WITH ALL
OF THESE,
HARUNA-
SAN?









IT
REALLY
IS!

WOW!
IT'S
LIKE A
WATERFALL
OF WARM
WATER!
HOW
LOVELY!



IT'S
KIND
OF LIKE
WE'VE
COME
TO STAY
AT A
RESORT.

I NEVER
WOULD'VE
THOUGHT
WE'D BE
ABLE TO
TAKE A DIP
IN A HOT
SPRING
HERE!



LALA-SAN...

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.



I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SAYING THIS, BUT LIVING THIS SORT OF LIFE, HAVING THESE KINDS OF EXPERIENCES... IT'S NOT SO BAD.

I... I WENT A LITTLE TOO FAR EARLIER.

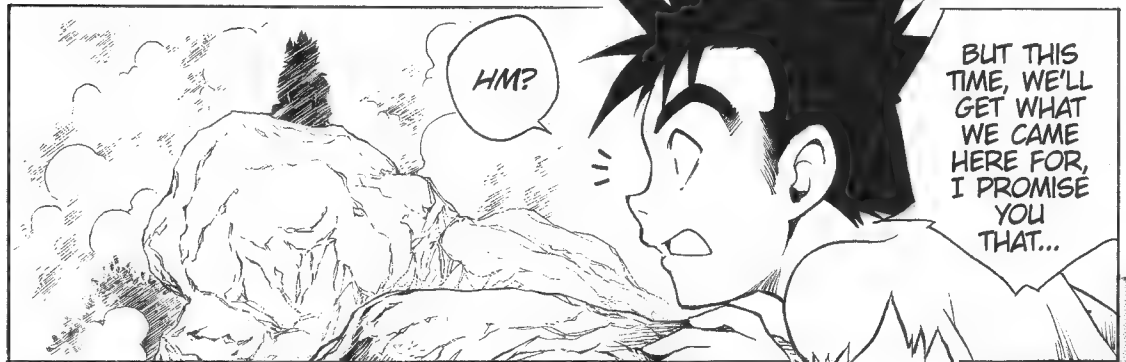


LIKE SAIRENJI-SAN SAID, AT TIMES LIKE THESE, WE ALL HAVE TO COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER.

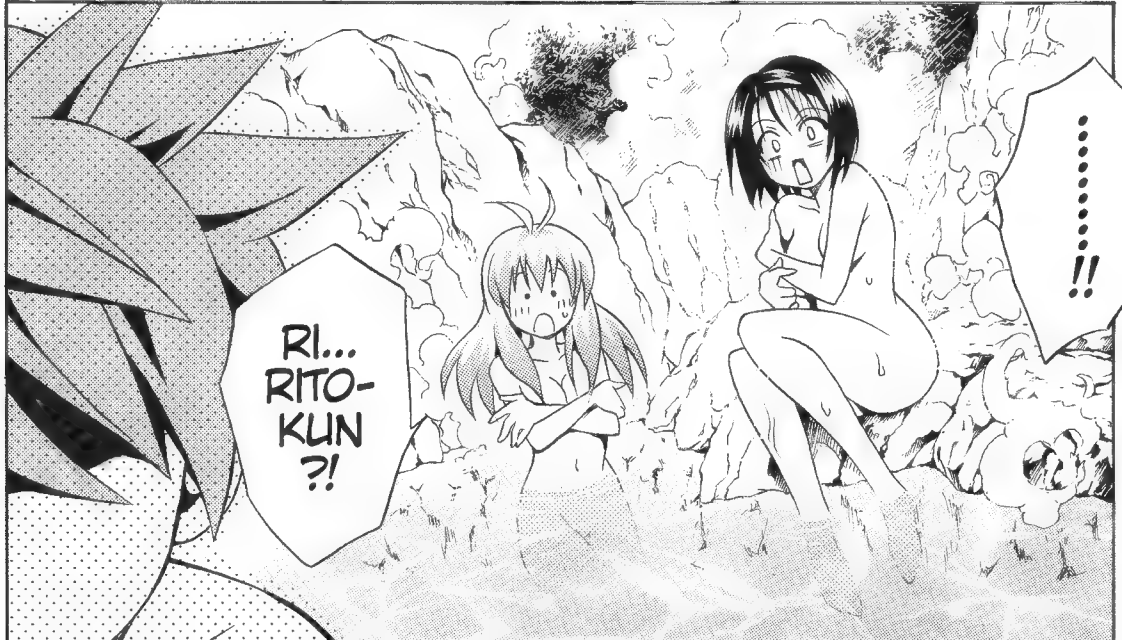
FU... FURTHER-MORE...

YUI...









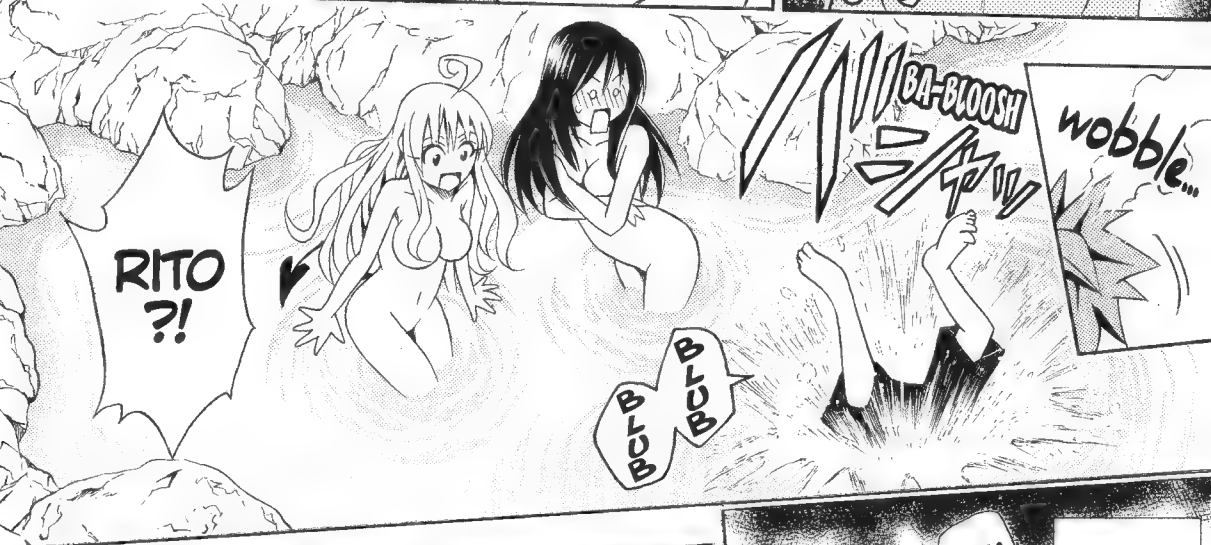


WH...
WH...
WHAT'RE...
YOU
...?!

HOW
LITTERLY
SALA-
CIOUS!!



FSSHHT

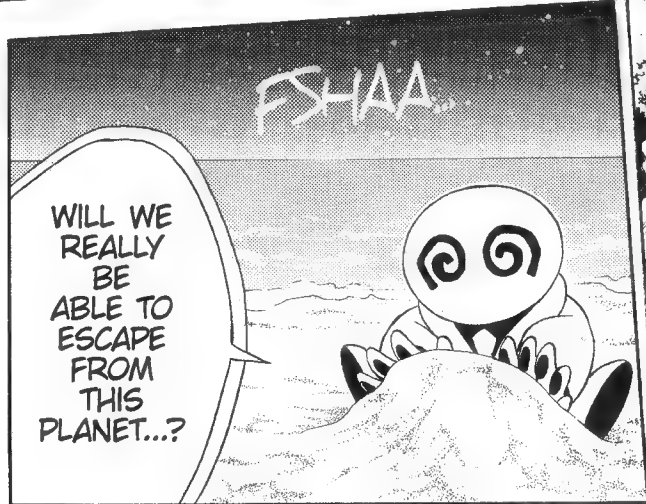


RITO
?!

BA-BLOOSH

wobble...

BCLB
BCLB



FSHAA...

WILL WE
REALLY
BE
ABLE TO
ESCAPE
FROM
THIS
PLANET...?



OOK
OOK!

Defi-
nitely
lost
the
fight.

TO LOVERU

IS THAT
TRUE,
MIKAN-
DONO?!

LALA-
SAMA
HAS
DISAP-
PEARED
?!

TROUBLE 69:
LOST KIDS

AND
RITO...
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HE
WOULDN'T
EVEN CALL
ME...

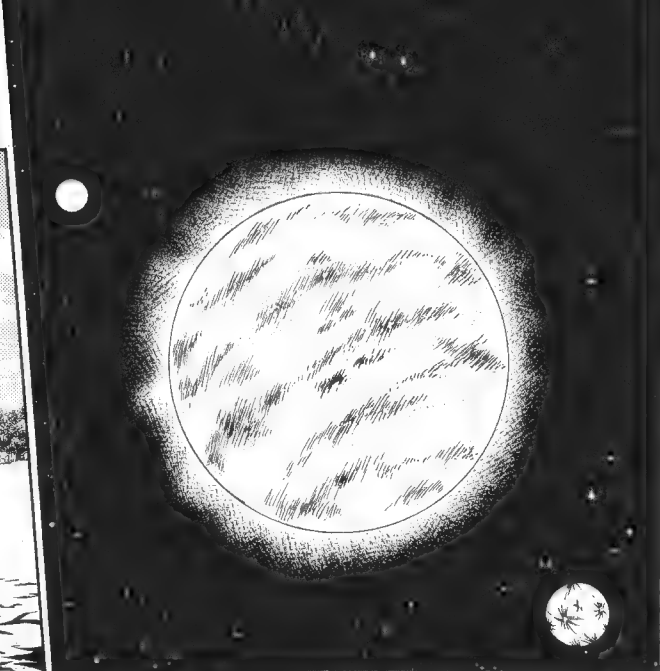
Mwrr...

URGH...

ALL I
KNOW IS
THAT SHE
WENT TO THE
BEACH WITH
RITO AND SOME
FRIENDS TWO
DAYS AGO.
THAT'S THE
LAST I
HEARD FROM
THEM.

THAT
MA-
CHINE...

HM?

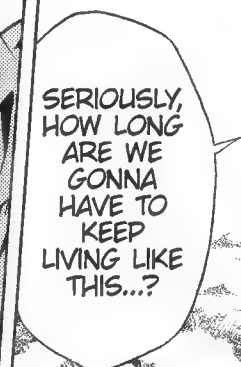


PSH-SHAAA

TROUBLE 69:
LOST KIDS



RITO-
OO~!



SERIOUSLY,
HOW LONG
ARE WE
GONNA
HAVE TO
KEEP
LIVING LIKE
THIS...?

SIGH
...

SHAAA...



LET'S
SPLIT UP
AND GO
LOOKING
FOR
SOME
FOOD!

WHA
?!



WE
DON'T
HAVE ANY
FRUIT
FROM
YESTERDAY
LEFT
OVER?

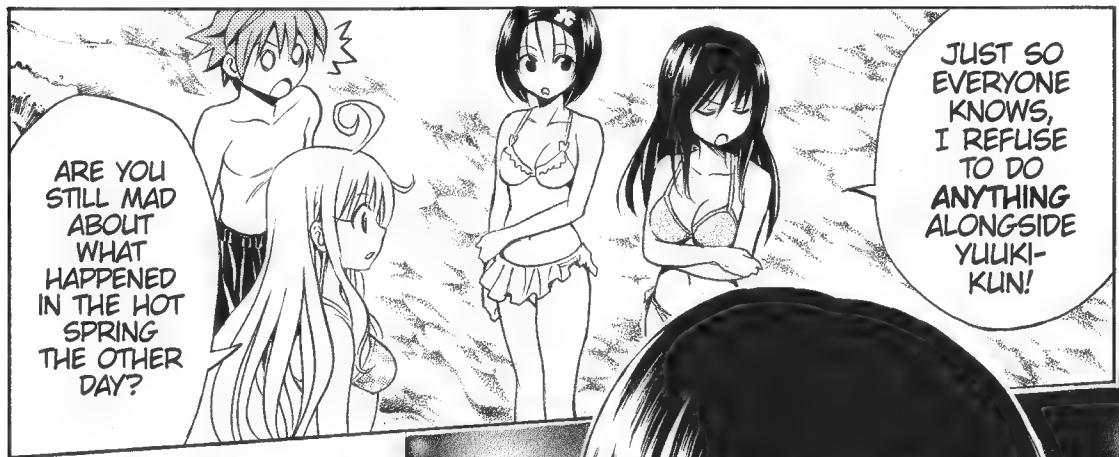
OUR
SUPPLIES
ARE
DWINDLING.
WE HAVE
ENOUGH
FOR TODAY,
BUT...





THAT'S
TRUE.
I GUESS
YOU BURN
THROUGH
FOOD FAST
WHEN YOU'VE
GOT SIX
PEOPLE.

YEAH, THE
TREES AROUND
HERE ARE
PICKED CLEAN.
WE NEED
TO GO FIND
MORE IF WE'RE
GOING TO BE
ABLE TO EAT
TOMORROW.



ARE YOU
STILL MAD
ABOUT
WHAT
HAPPENED
IN THE HOT
SPRING
THE OTHER
DAY?

JUST SO
EVERYONE
KNOWS,
I REFUSE
TO DO
ANYTHING
ALONGSIDE
YULIKI-
KUN!



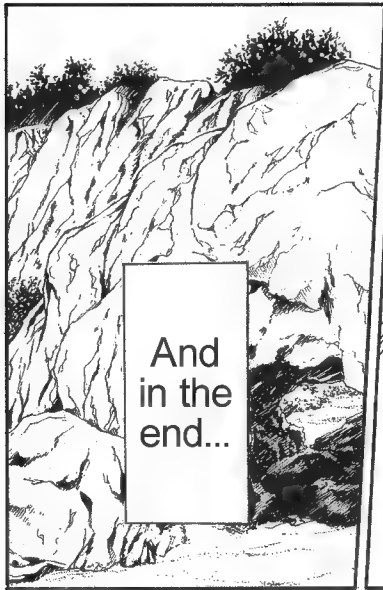
GUH
...

IT WAS
SO
STEAMY,
THOUGH...
I DIDN'T
REALLY
EVEN SEE
ANYTHING.



I DON'T
CARE HOW
MANY TIMES
YOU SAY YOU
WERE JUST
TRYING TO CATCH
THAT THIEVING
MONKEY!
YOU... YOU
SAW ME
NAKED...!

OBVI-
OUSLY!

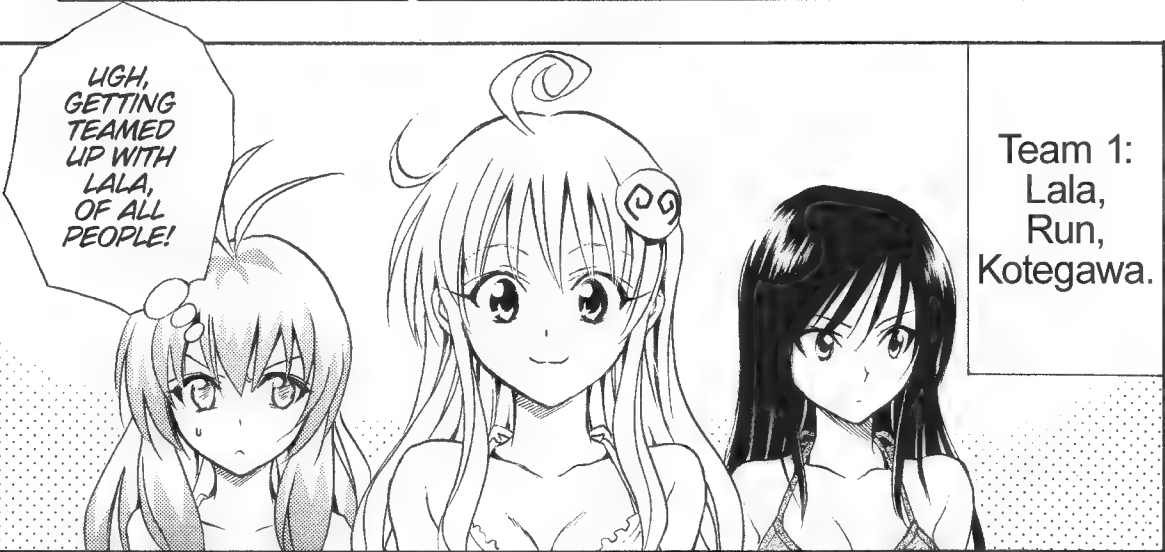


And
in the
end...



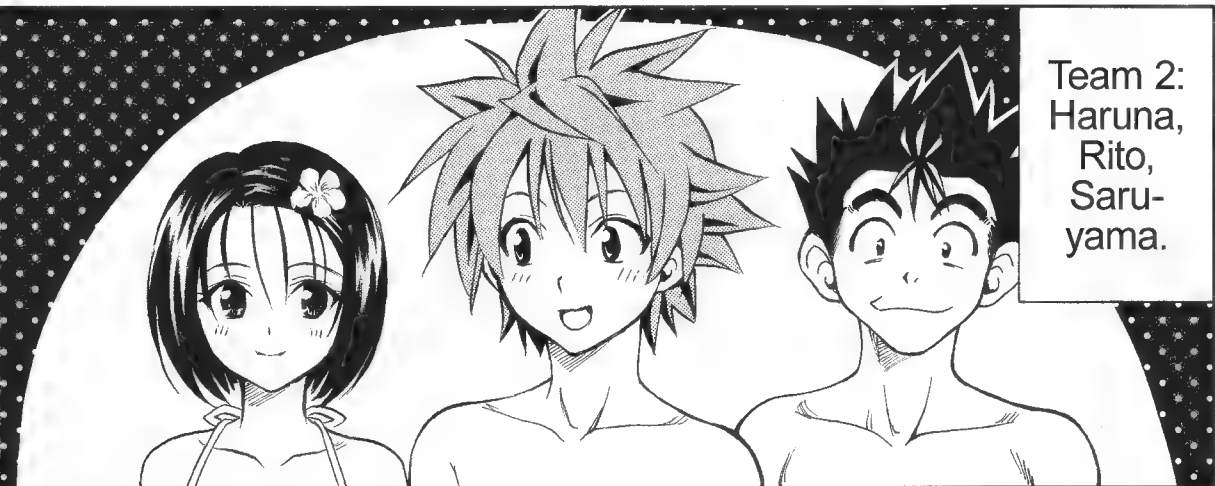
SHORT
STICKS
AND LONG
STICKS'LL
DETERMINE
THE
GROUPS!

ALL RIGHTY,
THEN! IN THAT
CASE, WE'LL
DRAW STICKS
TO DECIDE
TEAMS. THAT
WAY, NO ONE'LL
HAVE ANY
REASON TO
COMPLAIN!



UGH,
GETTING
TEAMED
UP WITH
LALA,
OF ALL
PEOPLE!

Team 1:
Lala,
Run,
Kotegawa.



Team 2:
Haruna,
Rito,
Saru-
yama.



IT'S A
COMMUNI-
CATOR!

HANG
ON, RITO!
HERE,
TAKE THIS--
JUST IN
CASE YOU
NEED IT.



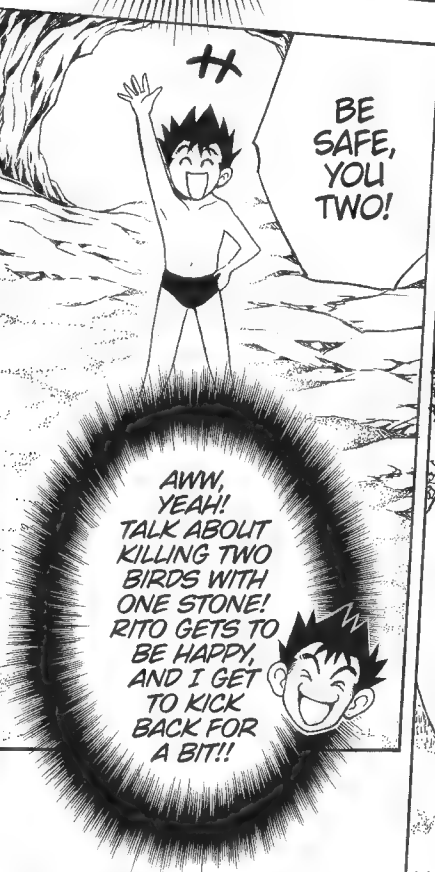
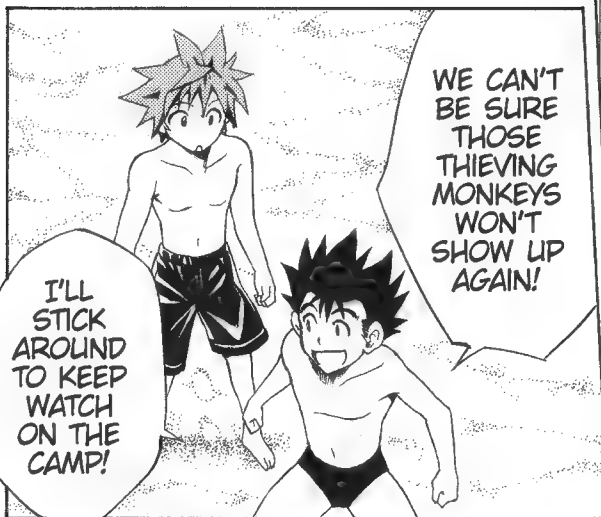
ALLLLL
RIGHTY!
OFF
WE GO!!

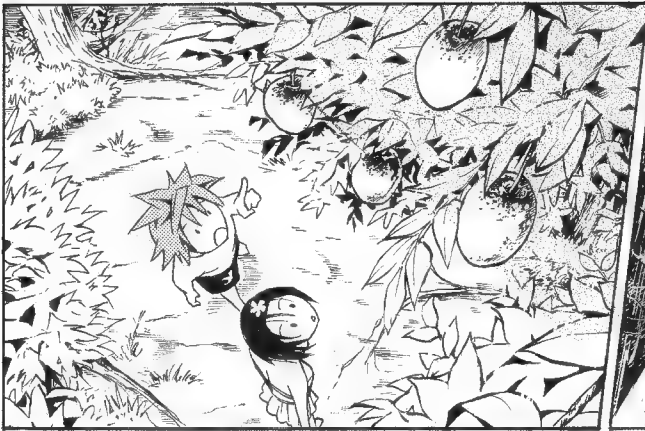


YEAH!



SOUNDS
GOOD!
SHALL
WE GO,
TOO?





WE'RE NOT TURNING UP MUCH THAT LOOKS EDIBLE, HUH?

YEAH, NOT AT ALL...



THERE'S THAT, BUT IT'S ALSO NOT GOOD FOR A BALANCED DIET, EITHER...

GETTING KINDA SICK OF IT?

STILL, EVEN IF WE DID FIND MORE FRUIT, I'M NOT SURE IT'S GOOD FOR THAT TO BE ALL WE EAT.



WE CAN'T
JUST GET
VITAMINS
FROM
THE FRUIT.
WE NEED
PROTEIN,
AS WELL.

I
WONDER
IF WE
COULDN'T
MAKE A
ROD OR
SOMETHING
TO CATCH
SOME
FISH...



HM?

YOU'RE
AMAZING,
SAI-
RENJI.



AND ON
TOP OF
THAT, YOU
CHEERED
EVERYONE UP
THE OTHER
DAY WHEN
THEY WERE
WORRIED.

EVEN IN A
SITUATION
LIKE THIS,
IT'S LIKE...
LIKE YOU'RE
THINKING
TWO STEPS
AHEAD.

BUT ME,
ALL I CAN
THINK
ABOUT IS
WHETHER
OR NOT
WE'LL MAKE
IT HOME
SAFE.





HARU-
NA-
CHAN.

EVEN
KNOWING
THAT,
WHAT
YOU DID
STILL
WASN'T
EASY...



BWAA

WATCH
OUT!!

KYAA
?!



!!

WHAT
?!



WHAT
...?!



GRRAAHH!



SHWIK

SHWIK

I...I
THOUGHT
THIS WAS
JUST A
REGULAR
OLD
TREE!



T...T...
TREE...
M-M-
MON-
STER...!

WHAT
THE
HELL IS
WRONG
WITH THIS
FREAKIN'
PLANET
?!





YU...
YUUKI-
KUN...!



YAAANK...

SAI-
RENJI
!!



RAAANK!!

CHOMP



YOU
JERK!





THIS
ISN'T A
COMMU-
NICATOR,
IT'S AN
ALIEN
IPOD...



THI...
THIS...



EEE-
EEK!
NOO-
OO!!





MI...
MIKADO-
SENSEI
?!



HOW
TRULY
SHOCKING...
WHAT
BRINGS
YOU ALL
HERE?

!!



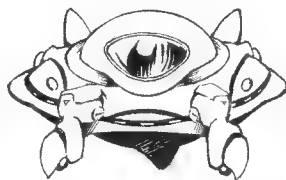
AWW,
YEAH!
WE CAN
FINALLY
GO
HOME!!

WHAT-
EVER
THE
REASON,
YOU'VE
STILL
SAVED
US...

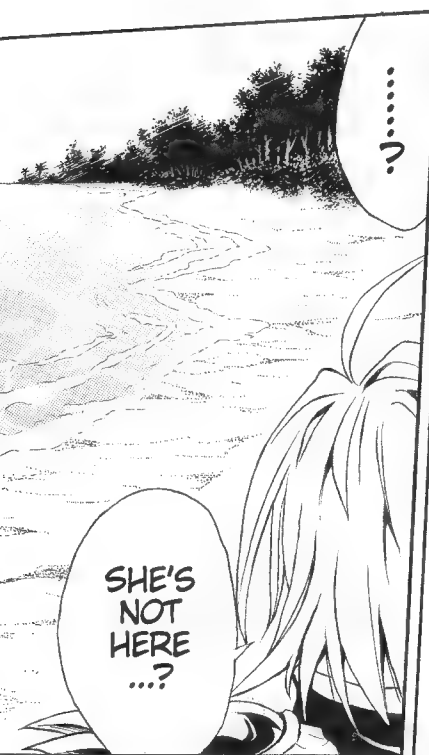
ALL
ABOARD,
KIDS!

WITH MY
SPACESHIP,
WE CAN
RETURN
TO THE
EARTH IN
ABOUT
FOUR
HOURS.

WOOOO!!



Kiiiiiii



SHE'S
NOT
HERE
...?



AS I
SUS-
PECTED,
IT WAS A
TELEPOR-
TATION
DEVICE
AFTER
ALL!

I'VE
COME
TO PICK
YOU UP,
LALA-
SAMA!!



HUH?
THE
MACHINE
ISN'T
HERE.

NOTHING
TO BE DONE
ABOUT IT,
I SUPPOSE.
I'LL RETURN
TO EARTH
FOR NOW.

Mikan's Diary

2

Mikan Observation Log

One summer afternoon, punctuated by chirping cicadas, a pleasant breeze played through the open window, setting the lace curtains dancing about.

“Ugh, this isn’t fair at all! Rito and everyone else got to run off and have fun for days! Well, okay—so maybe it’s not so much ‘having fun’ as ‘trapped and unable to come home,’ but still. They’re probably stuck because the gods are angry at them for leaving me behind! Yeah!”

Mikan walked to the veranda and opened the window, where she gazed up at the sky. Massive thunderclouds spread across the sky like so much cotton candy. Fluffy, ever-expanding, and puffy.

“Rito sure has it made, though. Lala-san always at his side, Haruna-san pining after him... I mean, not that I’m all that into romance yet, but still, sending summer break all alone sure is boring! All my friends went to the beach, too! *Sigh*... I wanna go have fun somewhere, too...”

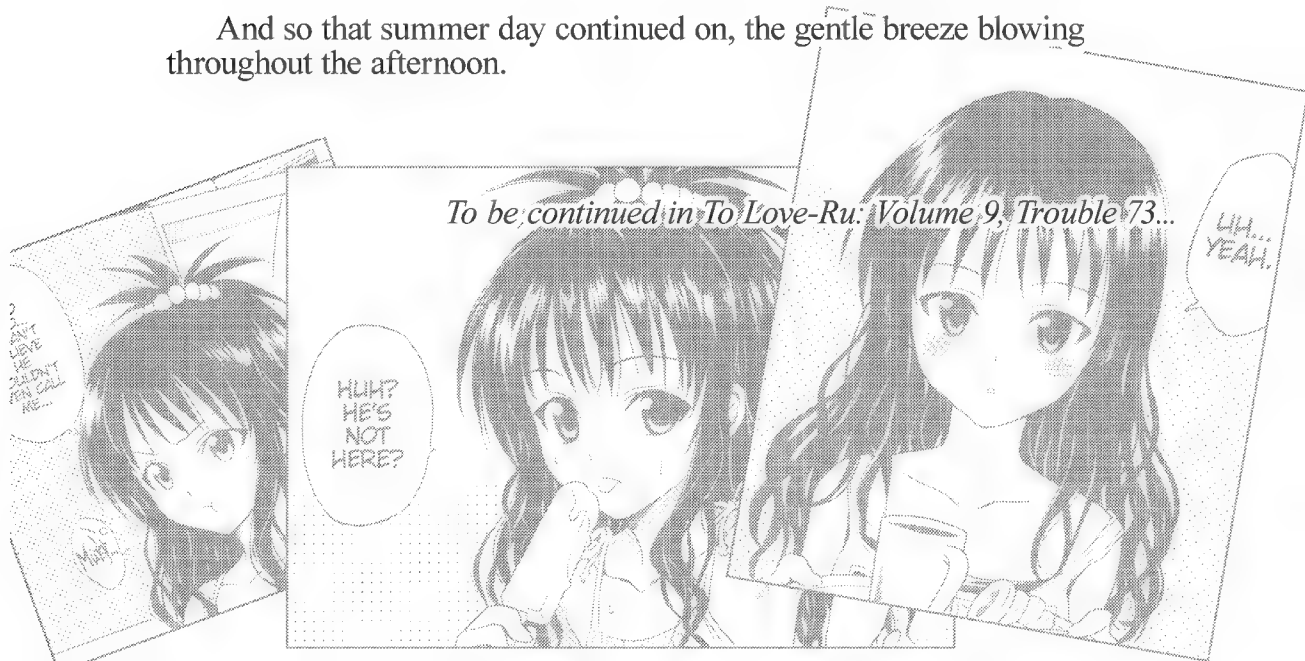
Brushing her windswept hair aside, Mikan gazed out the window, a lonely look darkening her face.

“Dad’s still off chasing deadlines like always, and who *knows* when Mom’ll come home again... I... Oh... Am I...lonely? Weird. I thought I was used to being alone. I guess I’m not that tough after all...”

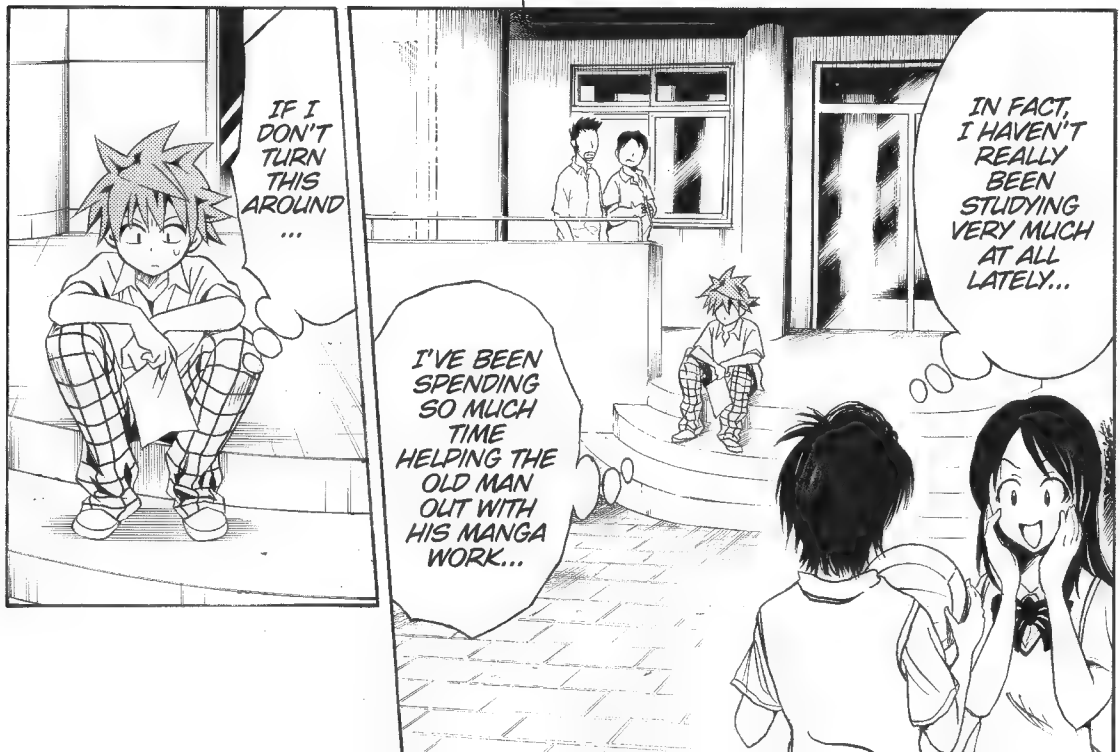
Using one small hand, she shut the window, cutting off the wind. Her fluttering hair fell back upon her face.

“Come on, Mikan! This isn’t you. Go read a book or something!”

And so that summer day continued on, the gentle breeze blowing throughout the afternoon.









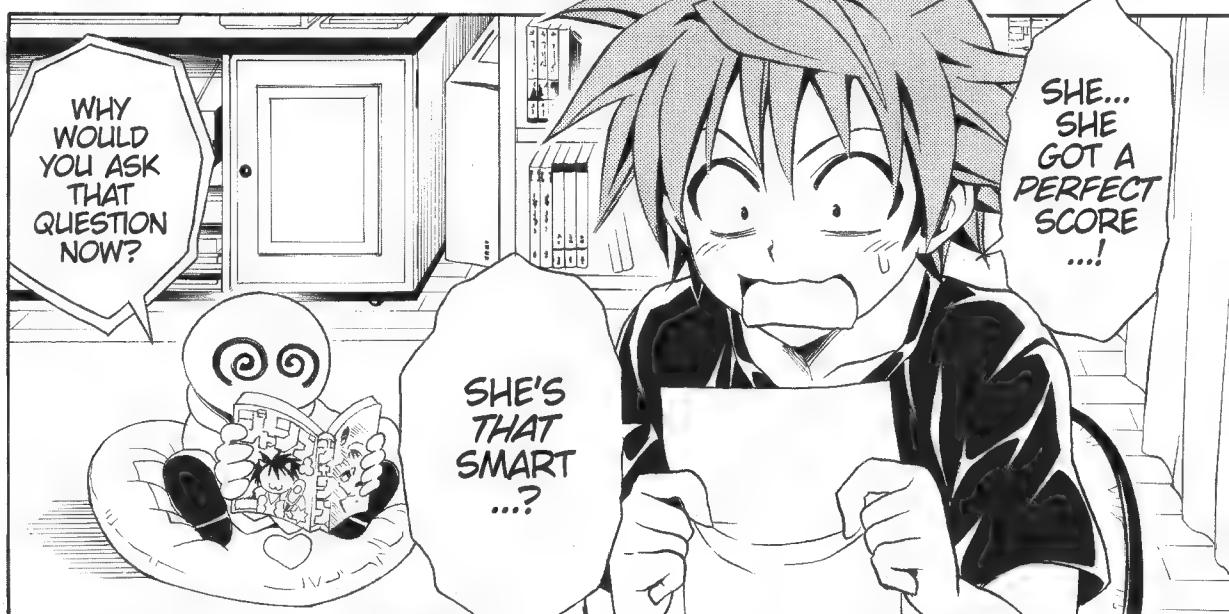
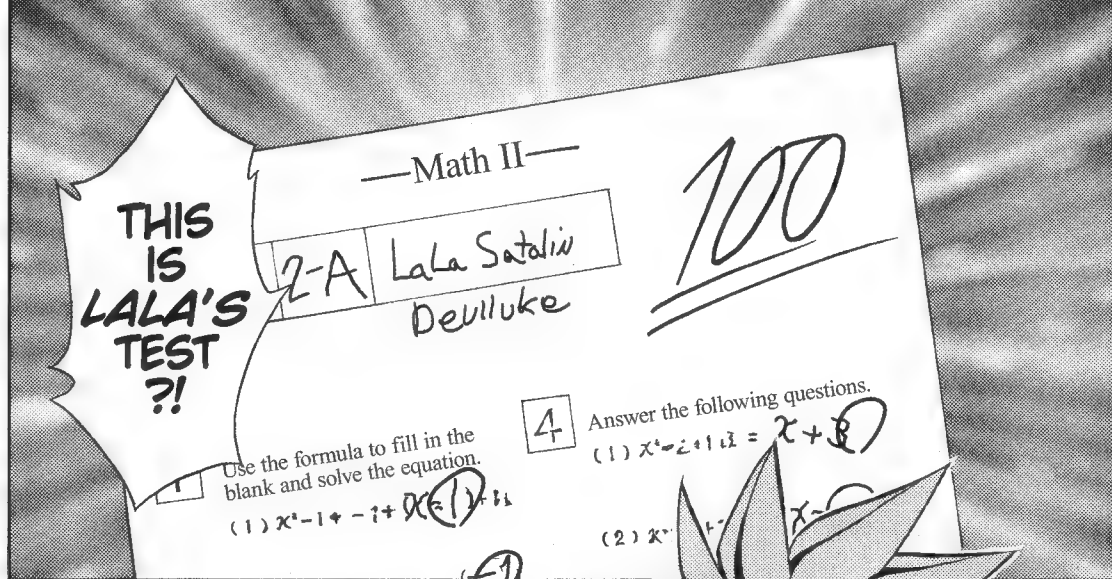






AHHH!
YOU SURE
CAN'T BEAT
A NICE DIP
IN THE
BATH~!
♪







HOW'D
YOU
DO,
LALA?

BUT IT
WAS JUST
A LITTLE
WHILE BACK
WHEN LALA
SHOWED
ME HER
GRADES,
AND...

IN THE
PAST,
THERE WERE
SOME
WHO HOPED
TO USE
LALA-SAMA'S
CONSIDERABLE
TALENTS
FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT
OF
WEAPONS.

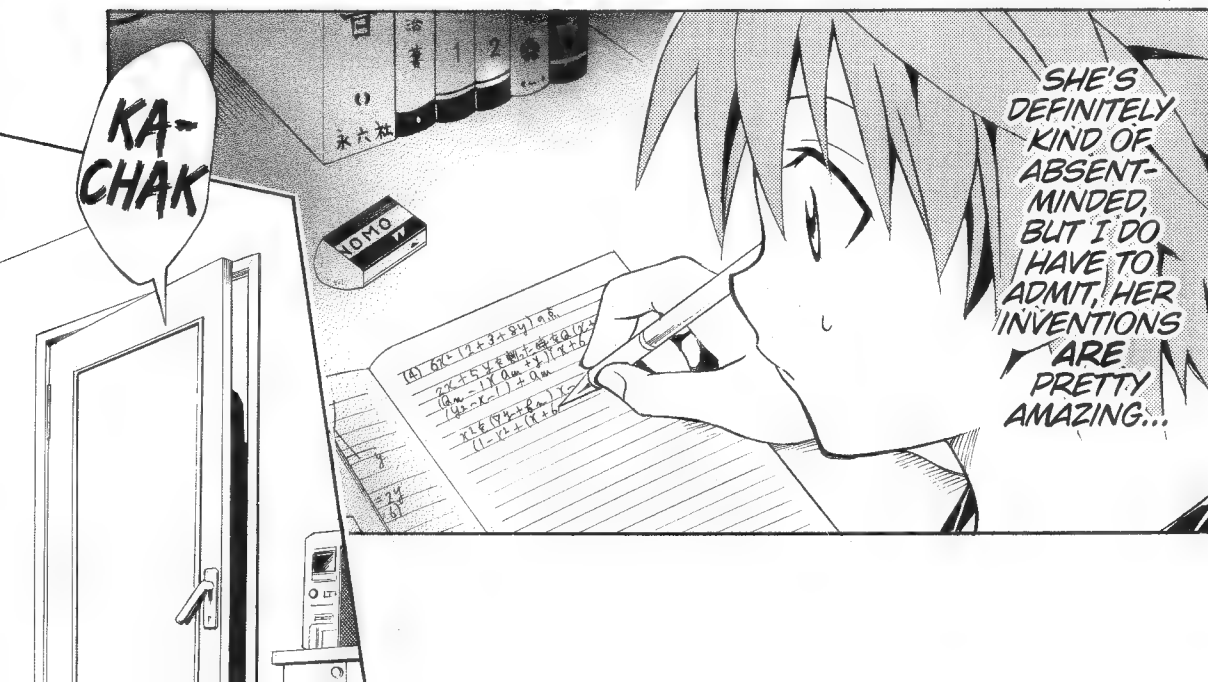
HEE
HEE!
ZERO!



YOU
MEAN THE
PROBLEM
WAS THAT
BACK
THEN, SHE
COULDN'T
EVEN
READ THE
TEST...?

So
sleepy...

THAT'S
BECAUSE
SHE STILL
HADN'T YET
LEARNED
TO READ
EARTH
SCRIPT.



KA-
CHAK

SHE'S
DEFINITELY
KIND OF
ABSENT-
MINDED,
BUT I DO
HAVE TO
ADMIT, HER
INVENTIONS
ARE
PRETTY
AMAZING...

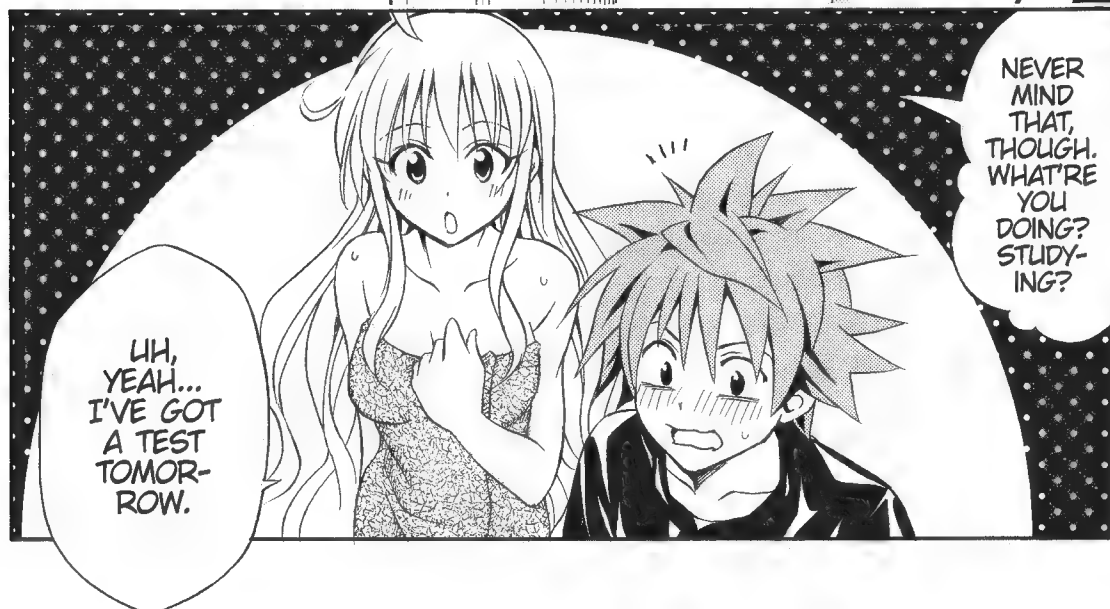


D-DON'T
JUST
COME
RUNNING
IN HERE IN
NOTHING
BUT A
TOWEL!

HUH?
WHAT'S
WRONG?
I'M NOT
NAKED,
AFTER
ALL!
♪

AHHH~!
HOW
REFRESH-
ING!

!!



UH,
YEAH...
I'VE GOT
A TEST
TOMOR-
ROW.

NEVER
MIND
THAT,
THOUGH.
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING?
STUDY-
ING?



Huuh!

OOH,
THIS
PROB-
LEM~!

BUT
I SERI-
OUSLY
HAVE
NO IDEA
HOW
TO DO
THIS...

LEMME
SEE!



Squooosh

!!!



I...I'M
GLAD TO
HAVE
YOUR HELP,
BUT YOU'VE
GOTTA DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT HOW
YOU'RE
DRESSED...

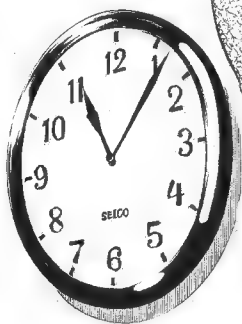
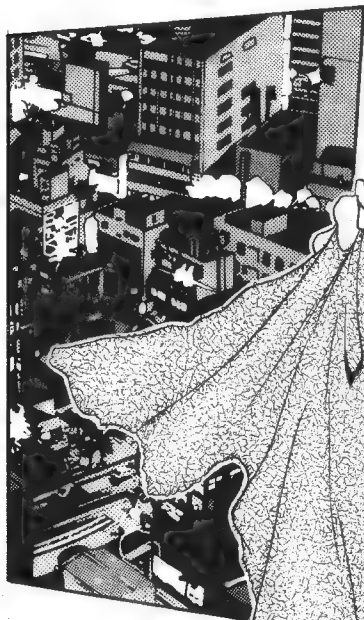
HUH?
WHAT'S
WRONG,
RITO?

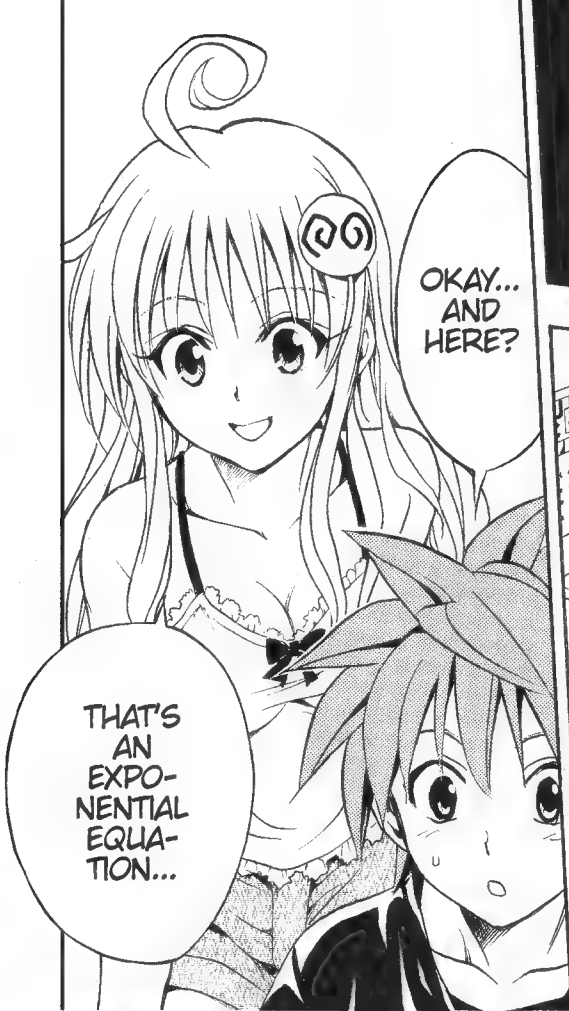


HEY,
PEKE!

BUT
ALL MY
COMFY
CLOTHES
ARE
BEING
WASHED.

HM...?
AH,
YES.





OKAY...
AND
HERE?

THAT'S
AN
EXPO-
NENTIAL
EQUA-
TION...



LET'S
SEE... SO,
WITH THIS
PROBLEM,
YOU WANT TO
PLUG IN THIS
FORMULA,
AND THEN
YOU CAN
SOLVE IT.

I-
I
SEE...



O
H
H
H!!

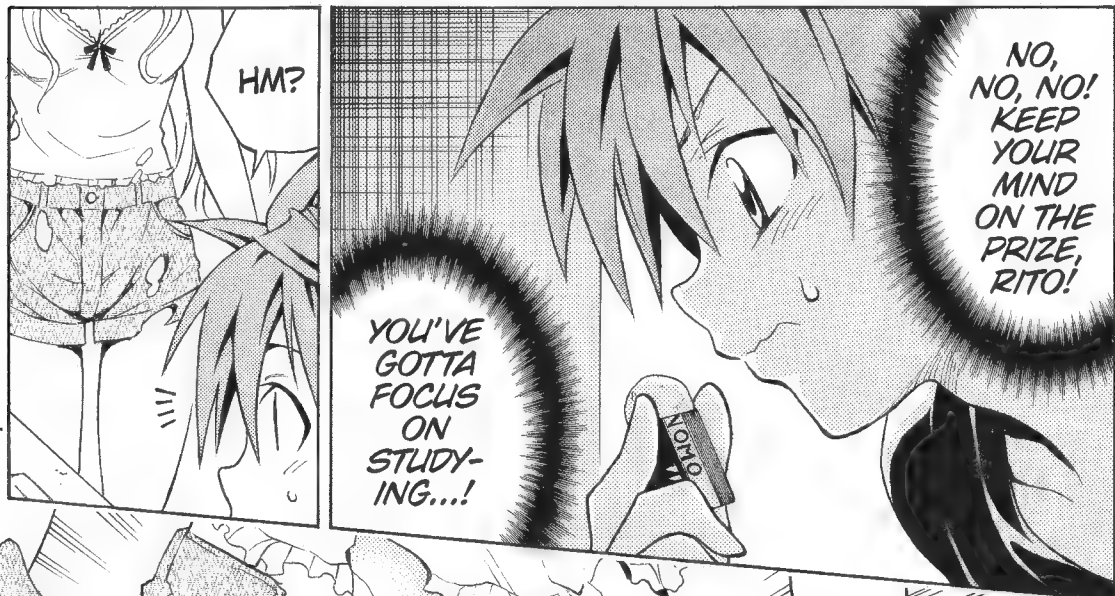
SO,
IT
GOES
LIKE
THIS!

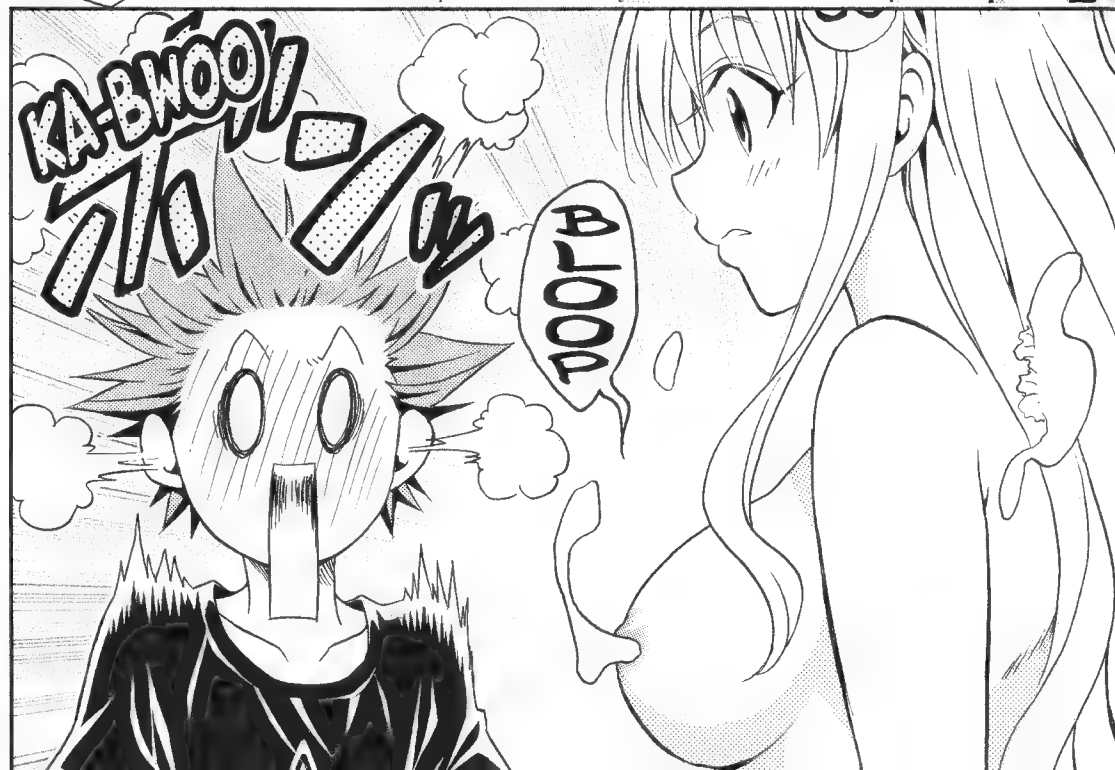


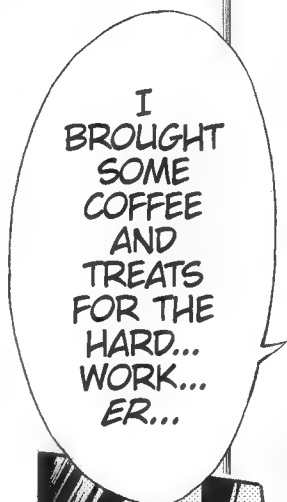
SERI-
OUSLY,
YOU'RE
AMAZ-
ING!

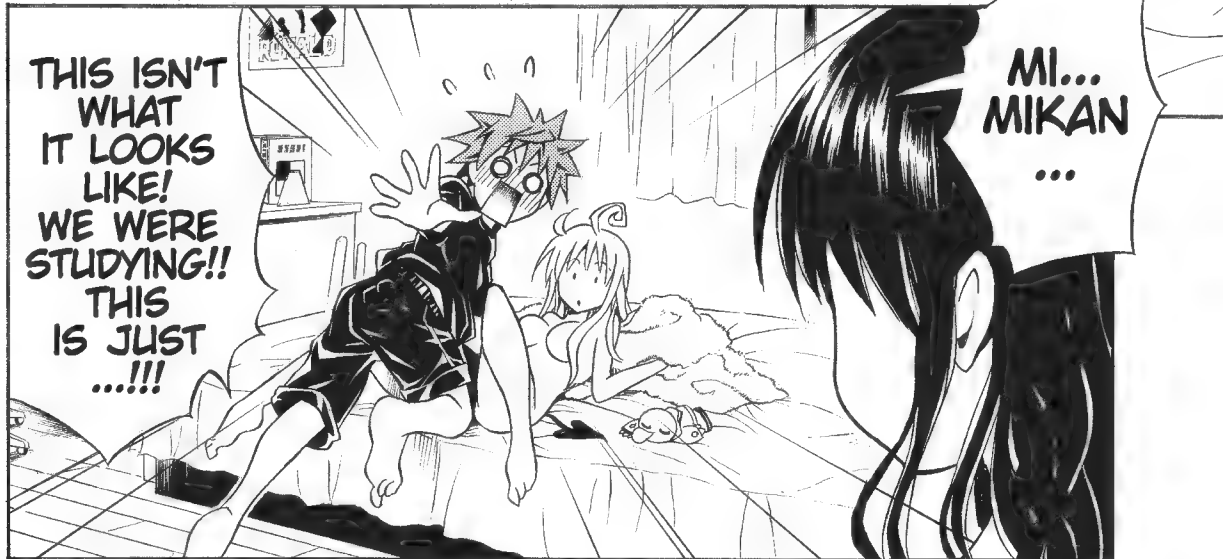
WOW,
LALA!
YOU'RE
SUPER
SMART!

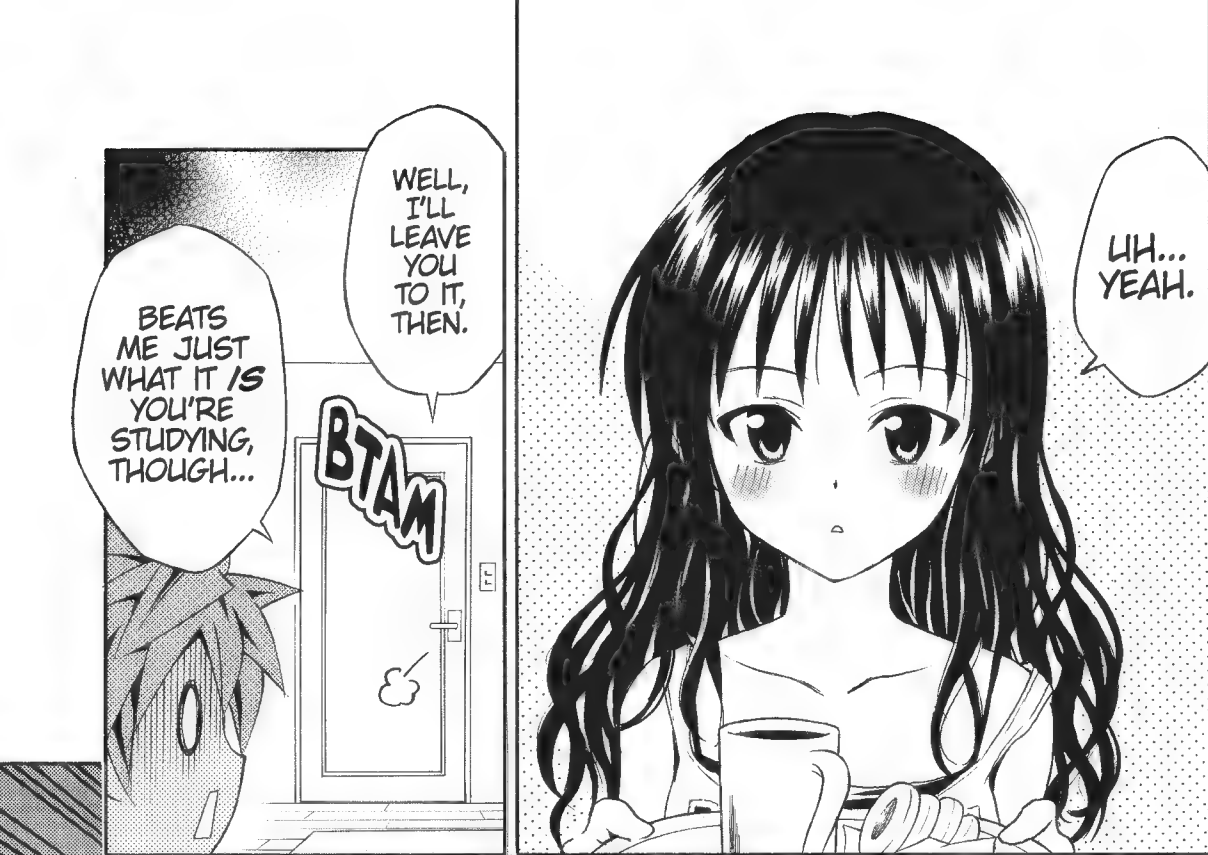
















レのヤツ
相変わらず
情けないんだから

リトくん?

最良の
蓮寺さんまで
ういうつもり!?

リトさん

よしよし
泳ぎを練習す

きや!!
なんたか
キツクし
じゃないっ

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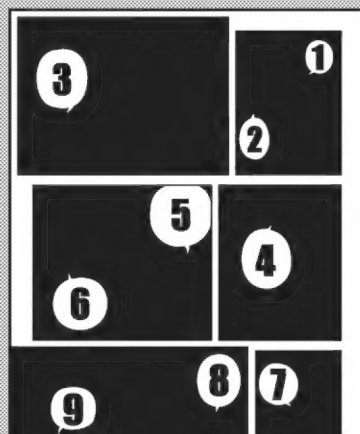
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